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Happy 104th

ON HER 104TH birthday, Lillie Anderson sits behind a cake as friends and family celebrate at El Cerrito Royale last Thursday.

Infrastructure bond measure advances

By J.R. Deaton

EL CERRITO — The Swim Center continues to make its way to the voters.

The City Council voted earlier this week on a number of items concerning a \$5 million-plus ballot measure to fund the Swim Center and other city parks facilities. By unanimous votes, it was decided that \$5,306,000 is needed to fund the projects and that a general obligation (ad valorem) bond measure will be placed on the March 2000 ballot. The measure will fund reconstruction of the Swim Center, rest room renovations at Harding, Huber and Poinsett parks, and renovations to reopen Canyon Trail Clubhouse.

On a 4-1 vote, the term of the bond was set at 10 years. Councilman Norman La Force wanted a longer-term bond. The question of how much, if any, the city or other funding sources will "buy down" the actual amount of the bond to be placed on the ballot was not decided.

There was a sense of urgency at last Monday's meeting. Any motion for the March ballot has to be drafted and voted on twice by the council to be ready for the county elections office by early December.

"I'm very pleased with what's come forward. I think we just need to move forward — put it on the March ballot — let's get going," said Councilwoman Jane

Bartke and other council members generally seemed to agree.

Bartke said she was "very concerned" about the idea of using some of the city's reserve fund for the projects, noting that the city doesn't know when it may need its emergency funds.

The Swim Center Master Plan, adopted by the City Council in September, has an estimated cost of \$4,931,000.

This plan would reconstruct and enlarge the pools, would bring the entire facility up to code and would include new decks, locker rooms, offices and a pump room. Rest room renovation at Harding, Huber and Poinsett parks is estimated to cost \$140,000. The cost of fully renovating Canyon Trail Clubhouse is estimated to be between \$235,000 and \$250,000.

"Since the late 1970s, essential maintenance has been performed, but reinvestment to renovate the facilities has been minimal as the city has focused resources on maintaining basic services rather than reinvesting ongoing revenues in infrastructure improvements," said City Manager Gary Pokorny on Monday's report to the council.

In response to questions, Pokorny pointed out that the city's General Fund reserves amounted to about \$2.5 million as of June this year. This is

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Neighbors complain about raucous activity outside Albany Bowl

By James Carter

ALBANY — The owner of Albany Bowl said he would meet with neighbors after a fusillade of complaints were made to the City Council describing "horrible things" going on just outside the 50-year-old facility.

Several neighbors of the entertainment center complained about loud noise, fights, illegal alcohol and drug use, broken bottles and a shattered peace they

said occurs almost nightly in the parking lot of the bowling alley.

"There are horrible things going on there," said Mark Matherly, who lives near Albany Bowl. "But I don't see a lot of things being done about them."

During the open forum segment of the Oct. 15 meeting, Matherly presented members of the council a photocopied stack of police reports he said documented criminal and other unlawful behavior that has occurred at the bowling

alley parking lot over the past few years.

Matherly asked the council to intervene to make the area safe.

"I didn't hear about this until last Saturday," Albany Bowl owner Ken Friedman later told the council.

There are bound to be "some problems" at such an establishment from time to time, Friedman said. He also told the council that in the past three weeks, Albany Bowl tripled its budget for security. Resident Elizabeth Escalante dis-

played a yellow notebook she said documented incidents, complaints filed, and phone conversations she had with both Friedman and Albany Bowl director of operations John Tierney.

Escalante said she'd been told by both Tierney and Friedman that they had "no control" over what happened in the parking lot at night. She also said Tierney once told her the best solution to her grievances was for her to move to another home.

Lisa Mongkolpueet and Matthew Tomlinson also addressed the council asserting that at night, the bowling alley parking lot crowd is often loud and unruly, and sometimes even dangerous. Both live near Albany Bowl.

Councilman Bob Good suggested the matter be put on the council agenda in the near future. Councilman Ed McManus went a step further and asked the

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TALKING WITH THE EL CERRITO CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES

Letitia Moore

By J.R. Deaton

EL CERRITO — Letitia Moore knows she lives in a gem of a city, and she is ready to polish its image. Moore may be relatively new to El Cerrito, but she is a quick study, knows her city, and wants to be your councilwoman. In an interview with The Journal last week, Moore answered questions about El Cerrito's future and talked about ways to make the city even better.

"I think my work on the Planning Commission made me realize that there are some things that need to get done, and it doesn't

seem like we're doing things," Moore said when asked why she is running for the City Council. "We're spending a lot of time studying, or looking for who to blame for things not getting done right, rather than trying to find solutions."

"I've come to realize that people just don't realize, I think the business community as well as various communities in and outside of El Cerrito, don't realize what a real gem we have," Moore said. She talked about the city's two BART stations and about its role as a commuter and transit hub.

"The businesses that do well

in El Cerrito pull customers from El Cerrito, Richmond, Albany, Berkeley as well as Kensington. We are ideally suited to do some really positive development to help new businesses."

Moore, 34, moved to El Cerrito in 1996 and set up household with her grandmother. She currently serves on the city's Planning Commission and on the Idaho Apartments Neighborhood Advisory Group. Moore has also served on the Del Norte Planning Process Task Force and was a General Plan Process Team mem-

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Kathleen Perka

By J.R. Deaton

EL CERRITO — Kathleen Perka is a woman with an attitude — a positive attitude — and she has big plans for her little town.

Twenty-one years ago she bought a house in El Cerrito; about seven years ago she became actively involved in El Cerrito politics, and now she wants to be a councilwoman.

She recently sat down with The Journal to answer questions about local issues.

"It all started because I worked hard to bring a department store to El Cerrito and really there's only so much a private citizen can

do," Perka said when asked why she decided to run for City Council. "I just thought that if elected, I could take that one step further and there's a lot of other things that need to be done here in this city including economic development and repairing the infrastructure."

The 48-year-old Perka has served as a member of the Neighbor to Neighbor Task Force and the General Plan Process Team.

She has been a member of the Services for the 21st Century Committee of the Whole since its inception and serves on that group's Financial Review Team.

Perka is a graduate of The College of William and Mary in Virginia and is a former executive and buyer for Emporium. She is probably best known in El Cerrito for her 10,000-plus signature petition drive to try to lure a department store to the city.

"I've already demonstrated my leadership ability — my initiative and leadership abilities," Perka said when asked why she would be a more effective council member than the other candidates. "I don't like to keep referring to the department store thing, but I took

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Proposed campus police position prompts lengthy debate

By James Carter

ALBANY — During a classic town hall-style Board of Education meeting Tuesday, members of the community voiced their opinions on a controversial proposal that, if accepted, would station a police officer at Albany High School. Parents, teachers, students, residents,

administrators and police officers debated the issue for more than two hours; at the end all agreed to continue the debate before polling the board, a vote that is tentatively scheduled for Nov. 16.

The meeting began with a presentation by a committee appointed by Superintendent of Schools Gary Mills.

All members of that advisory group, including two students from AHS, Vice Principal Randy Booker and Police Chief Larry Murdo, strongly supported the proposed School Resource Officer program and recommended it be implemented.

Yet the makeup of the committee and their single-minded advocacy became an issue for many speakers.

Though supporters and opponents disagreed on several key issues, they agreed to agree AHS remains a safe place to attend school, and that student morale

is much higher this year than last due to new leadership at the administrative level.

Most appeared to agree that a small percentage of students on campus sell drugs and others engage in inappropriate — and sometimes illegal — activities, though such incidents are low in comparison with other districts.

Speakers on both sides also appeared to agree there is a need for more counseling services and programs at AHS, many necessitated by unattended personal issues among students, such as anger and feelings of isolation and rejection.

What divided the gathering was whether the presence of a full-time armed police officer would provide services and programs that would best serve those and other needs.

Two students selected for the district committee said the SRO position would give young people an opportunity to get to know a police officer — an individual such as Mike Ayers, the leading candidate for the position if it is established by the board.

They also asserted an officer could provide advice to young people regarding their legal rights, and suggested the officer could help advise the ACLU Club on campus.

Yet from the outset, AHS senior Colleen Smallfield made it clear that most students at the high school oppose the proposal.

"I was against it, too, at first," Smallfield said, adding, "Students are totally ignorant of the resources the program offers."

Smallfield said an officer on campus

could befriend students, who in turn could discuss their problems without feeling they were being "analyzed," a view student board member Emily Jackson shared.

Oscar Whelan, also a student representative on the board, asked if it would not be a better use of district financial resources to hire a professional counselor instead. He also suggested that alternative programs be reviewed and considered before making a decision on the proposed SRO program.

Residents asked Murdo about the job description of an officer on campus. Murdo said he had agreed in writing that all such matters would be determined entirely by the AUSD and not the APD.

Questioned about the enforcement of

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WORTH CHECKING OUT

Paperback book sale

The Albany Friends' "Paperback Book Sale" will be held on Saturday, October 30, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Edith Stone Room of the Albany Library. "The variety of paperbacks and magazines is greater than ever before," says President Calra-Rae Genser. For ease of viewing the books will be displayed in the following categories: Mysteries, Science Fiction, General Fiction, romance, a few Westerns, and many kinds of Magazines. Most paperbacks are 50 cents. Quality paperbacks are specially priced, and romances and magazines are five for \$1 or \$3 per bag. Those who come early will get the best selection. As always, all profits from the sale benefit the Albany Library, a branch of the Alameda County Library system. For more information call 526-3720.

'A Madrigal Evening'

For one night only, Albany High School's Little Theater will be transformed by "A Madrigal Evening," a free concert presented by the Measure A-funded Advanced Choral. Under the direction of Joan Sextro and in association with Sara Samonsky's Theater Study class, the Advanced Choral will deliver a fully costumed show complete with a king and queen, jousting knight and court jester. Starting at 8 p.m. on Oct. 23, the evening will also feature 17th century madrigals and Shakespearean sonnet recitations.

Halloween dance

The Jimmy James Band plays Friday, Oct. 29 at a Halloween dance being held by the Fraternal Order of Eagles, Bayview Aerie No. 2323 from 8 p.m. to midnight at the Bayview Aerie Hall, 3223 Carlson Blvd. Come in costume or come as you are and enjoy dancing, raffle, door prizes, refreshments and snacks. Admission is \$5 at the door, with proceeds going to charity. Details: 525-0444.

Controlling sprawl

"Controlling Development in Contra Costa" is the topic at the October meeting of the West Contra Costa Group of the Sierra Club, which hosts guest speakers Tom Moores, the East Bay field director for Greenbelt Alliance and Evelyn Silvers, Greenbelt's new East Bay field representative. They will discuss growth and development issues in Contra

Costa County. The meeting is Wednesday, Oct. 27, 7:30 p.m. at Northminster Presbyterian Church, Makamie Hall 545 Ashbury Ave., El Cerrito. Details: Debbi Landshoff at (510) 233-9733.

Greenway work

Join Sustainable El Cerrito and the El Cerrito Police Department Saturday from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. for a little weeding, pruning, litter patrol, creek clean-up, and other improvements along the Ohlone Greenway. No experience is required. Everyone is welcome. Bring work gloves, and tools if you have them and meet on the Greenway at Potrero. On "Make a Difference Day," this work party will focus on the north end of the Greenway. Experienced pruners, please join our pruning team (bring tools if you can). The rest of us can help out with litter removal and other projects. Details: Janet Abelson 525-7709 or Lori Dair 232-6466 lordair@earthlink.net

Hazardous waste dropoff

The last chance for West Contra Costa County residents to dispose of all household hazardous wastes before the New Year comes on Saturday, Oct. 30, when a one day free drop-off event will accept your household hazardous waste. You must call 1-888-412-9277 and leave your name, address and phone number to schedule a required appointment to use the drop-off event. Once you have called to get an appointment, you will receive a confirmation in the mail. You will be given an "appointment time window" in which to drop off your materials. The event will be operated in a "drive-through" fashion. Materials will be unloaded from your car trunk — you won't even have to get out of car. Acceptable items include latex paint, oil based paint, anti-freeze, photo chemicals, aerosols, fertilizers, cleaners, car batteries, motor oil, solvents, poisons/pesticides, resins, asbestos in sealers, tape, shot, bags (all asbestos must be triple bagged).

College night

"College Night" is a panel discussion of learning disability programs in the community, state, university and private colleges for high school students, parents and counselors that will be held Wednesday, Nov. 17 at 7:30 p.m. at REACH for Learning, 1221 Marin Avenue, Albany. For information call 524-6455.

Windrush info night

Windrush Middle School's Information Night is on Wednesday, Nov. 3 at 7 p.m. The beautiful four acre campus is located in El Cerrito two blocks east of the Del Norte BART station at 1800 Elm St. Facilities include separate elementary and middle school wings, a full size gymnasium, a library, an art studio, a computer lab, a garden and outdoor play area, with a new turf field. In the Middle School, English, math, social studies, science, physical education and Spanish are taught as distinct areas of concentration. An interdisciplinary approach to learning offers active, project-based opportunities for integrating subject areas. The sports league offers students the opportunity to play football, basketball, soccer and volleyball against other independent schools. Details: 970-7580 or www.windrush.org.

Open house bake sale

Come participate in the annual El Cerrito Open House Senior Center at the center 6500 Stockton Ave., behind the library on Nov. 18 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The sale, held in conjunction with Meals on Wheels, is also in need of bakers. Details: 215-4342.

Friends of Albany Hill

Friends of Albany Hill 1999-2000 Urban Forestry Work Season has started its fifth year of monthly restoration projects. Fall work schedule dates are Oct. 30, and Nov. 20, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Work to be done includes: German and English ivy, French broom, Himalayan blackberry, Oxalis, and non-native grass removal. Meet at the Jackson Street turnaround on the northern side of Albany Hill. Wear sturdy shoes, long-sleeved shirts, long pants, and work gloves, all required to participate. Bring pruners and clippers. Adults must accompany children. Details: Hortensia Chang or John Nelson at 526-8369 or Carole Fitzgerald at 528-5236.

Signup for martial arts

Albany's Recreation and Community Services Department, 1249 Marin Ave. is taking registration for its martial arts programs for adults and children. Details: 524-9283.

Suspect sought in Pierce Street theft

By K. Osborn

ALBANY — On the morning of Oct. 12, officers investigated several incidences of vehicles being broken into and items stolen from them during the night while parked in the parking garage on the 500 block of Pierce Street. This has occurred several times over the previous two weeks. Officers are investigating the possibility that a subject described as a black male adult, between 27 and 30 years old, weighing 185 to 200 pounds, with a shaved head and wearing a gray sweatshirt and blue jeans is responsible for many of the burglaries. The subject described above was seen slipping through the gate of the parking garage by following closely behind a resident vehicle as it entered the garage. He was

also observed driving around the garage and parking in various stalls, apparently looking for open vehicle doors. Officers are continuing the investigation.

■ On the morning of Oct. 10, officers stopped a white '64 Chevrolet for a traffic violation on near Gilman and Second streets. The driver, a 55 year old Richmond man, was found to be driving with a suspended license. He was arrested, cited and released with a Notice to Appear.

■ Shortly before midnight on Oct. 10, a resident on the 1400 block of Portland Avenue reported finding a large hole in the front door.

■ On the afternoon of Oct. 15, a resident on the 700 block of Adams Street reported that thieves have again stolen plants from her front yard.

■ On the evening of Oct. 16, a res-

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ident on the 1100 block of Stockton Avenue reported that thieves had broken into his home and stolen items. There were no witnesses.

During the week of Oct. 11, Albany officers took three calls that responded to 14 false alarms, five to five deceased animals, seven people who were inside their house or car and were not in two reports of barking dogs.

In the domestic arena, officers responded to 26 reports of domestic violence and 66 Civil Actions.

Albany officers stopped and issued 22 citations and 33 Albany firefighter responded to four fire calls and several medical emergencies.

Armed robber hits San Pablo Avenue Store

By James Carter

The timeliness of police reports depends entirely upon when they are made available to the press.

EL CERRITO — On Sept. 22, a man in his late 20s stopped a 79-year-old woman as she approached the front steps of her home on the 700 block of Colusa Avenue. In the dark of night, the cold-hearted thief ripped the elderly woman's purse from her arm, then dashed away, having stolen \$42.

■ Just before 5 p.m. Sept. 27, a man waited in the check-out line at Grand Auto. When a store clerk rang up a sale for a customer and the cash drawer opened, the man waiting in line thrust his right arm across the counter, a revolver pointed at the startled employee. The robber reached into the drawer with his left hand — not saying a word — his handgun do-

ing all the talking. With one fist full of cash, the other clutching a revolver, he silently slipped out of the store, disappearing on San Pablo Avenue.

■ Just minutes before 8 p.m. Sept. 27, a thief stole a bike from the rack of a car parked on the 1000 block of Everett Street.

■ Sometime during the late night or early morning of Sept. 28-29, a burglar tried to bust open the door lock of a car parked on the 5200 block of Gordon Avenue, but failed. The incompetent crook then smashed a wing-window, unlocked the automobile and ripped-off an in-dash stereo.

■ During the late night or early morning of Sept. 28 or 29, a thief entered a laundry room on the 1200 block of Liberty Street and cleaned out \$320 in change.

■ A thief jacked up an automobile parked on the 11800 block of San Pablo Avenue sometime between Sept. 28 and 29, removed its wheels,

valued at \$800, then left it on its axles.

■ Just before 4 p.m. Sept. 28, a thief stole a 1990 Ford pickup truck parked in the Store lot.

■ A burglar crept into a garage on the 7200 block of Stockton Avenue sometime between 1 and 2, and stole three bikes.

■ On Oct. 6, a 37-year-old man drove a 1970 Ford pickup truck down a street in El Cerrito. A 14-year-old car pulled up beside him and the driver leaned out of the window without warning, smashed up's side view mirror as the car hit the gas and sped.

■ Just 10 minutes later, an old man driving his 1990 Ford up experienced the very same as a hoodlum reached out window and smashed his well.

Chamber has double-header of events on Oct. 25

It will be a busy Oct. 25 for the members and guests of the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce. First, Councilman Larry Damon will speak on "City Hall Finances" at the monthly business luncheon meeting, noon, at Little Ange's Restaurant and Tavern. RSVP by Oct. 22, by calling 233-7040.

The evening event will be a 7-9 p.m. "Meet Your Candidates Night," open to the public, in the council chambers of the El Cerrito Community Center.

Those in attendance will hear city council candidates Janet Abelson, Leticia Moore, Bea O'Keefe and Kathie Perka presenting their platforms with order of appearance by a drawing conducted by members of the Richmond Area League of Women Voters.

Following the introductory state-

ments, written questions will be taken from the audience with five minutes allowed for answers with no editorial introductions allowed. The League members will moderate the session and be timekeeper.

New, reinvesting members

"The chamber welcomes new member Eric Cande, Salomon Smith Barney, an El Cerrito resident, with offices at 1995 University Avenue, Suite 500, in Berkeley and can be contacted by calling 486-2456.

As a comprehensive financial planner Eric adopts a long-term perspective and helps clients organize their overall financial picture, through innovative and creative strategies he can help his clients cover all their financial bases. Individual stocks, mutual funds, CDs, and government bonds are examples

of the investments that Eric can offer.

We also welcome the reinvestment and support of Chevron USA, in its 35th year as a member, with much appreciation.

Fun in sun at Fiesta

After disappointing weather at last year's October Fiesta, participants and attendees were treated to a fantastic day of sunshine and blue skies adding to the success of this fourth annual event. Several hundred residents from El Cerrito and the surrounding area enjoyed a day of excellent entertainment with several bands, keeping the music going all day, dancers from Katie's Dance Studio, 40 vendors with all kinds of crafts and varied and unique gift items throughout the mall; Friends of the El Cerrito Library special book sale, food booths and much more, with much appreciation extended to the sponsors, and Janet Jolley, chair, for putting it together with her committee of June Boblitt, Bob Winslow, Bill Kerber, Bill Chun and Larry Sanchez.

We're sorry to report that Chamber Manager Sewall Glinternick was

absent from the event due to a triple bypass, but happy that he is on the mend and hopefully will be back by December.

Halloween fun at Plaza

Halloween "Trick of Treat" fun will be evident as youngsters to sixth grade are invited to visit El Cerrito

El Cerrito Chamber

By Sewall Glinternick

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- Able to attend meetings held in the early evening, the first Tuesday of each month, with special evening meetings when necessary
- Qualified to hold public office in California

Personnel commissioners receive \$50 per meeting attended, up to a maximum of \$250 per month.

To apply, candidates must submit, not later than Friday, October 29, 1999, a resume and letter of interest, detailing their qualifications to Superintendent Jack McLaughlin, Berkeley Unified School District, 2134 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way, Berkeley, CA 94704. For information, please call Cheryl Crockett, Director, Classified Personnel, at (510) 644-6150.



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LOCAL CLINIC PARTICIPATING IN GLOBAL SCHIZOPHRENIA STUDY

Berkeley, July 28, 1999 - Berkeley Therapy Institute announced today that they have begun enrolling patients into a clinical trial of a compound being evaluated for the treatment of schizophrenia. The study, known as ILP 3004, is one of several in a worldwide development project known as the ReALiZe program.

The study at Berkeley Therapy Institute is part of a clinical development program to evaluate the efficacy and safety of an investigational drug in the treatment of patients with schizoaffective disorder or schizophrenia. Schizophrenia is a devastating condition, which affects nearly one percent of the world's population; schizophrenia is the most common and disabling of all major mental illnesses.

Schizophrenia impairs patients' cognitive functions causing positive symptoms such as hallucinations and delusions, and negative symptoms such as blunted affect and social withdrawal. The disease typically strikes in late adolescence, with the onset of gross abnormalities in perception and an inability to feel or express pleasure. The profound incidence of suicide among schizophrenics is a well-documented public health problem.

Dr. Robert Dolgoff, primary investigator for this clinical trial at Berkeley Therapy Institute, notes that "despite impressive advances in psychiatry, we still do not have optimal treatment for schizophrenia. As many as 20% to 30% of patients do not respond to, or get unpleasant side effects with, the medications that are currently available. Therefore, research into new modes of treatment is vital for patients battling this disease.

Patients participating in this ReALiZe study will receive free study medication or placebo and will be closely monitored on a regular basis by mental health professionals. To be eligible for participation in the trial, patients must be between the ages of 18 and 65, diagnosed with schizophrenia and exhibiting symptoms of the disease. In addition, participants must meet all inclusion criteria specified in the study protocol.

To obtain further information about this ReALiZe study, please contact Clinical Trial Coordinator Leigh Pruneau, RN, Ph.D., at (510) 841-8484, ext. 136.



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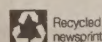
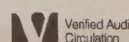
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EL CERRITO IN BRIEF

You can't keep
a good man down

El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce Manager Sewall Glinternick had triple cardiac artery bypass surgery earlier this month, but he's already up and about and raising heck. His left carotid artery was also found to be nearly blocked and surgeons repaired that as well.

"The reports of my death have been greatly exaggerated," Glinternick said earlier this week. "I'm home recovering from open heart surgery, that's all." Glinternick reports he's up and walking up to a half-block and that his strength is returning. "I've gotta be walking a block by next week," he added. Glinternick is one of those people who mimes few words. One suspects he was on the operating table telling his doctors how they could improve their medical practices through a rigorous but pragmatic economic development program.

"I'm very grateful to all the people who sent me get well cards," Glinternick said. Chamber secretary Pat Berndt reports Glinternick was in the San Francisco Kaiser Hospi-

tal for eight days after the surgery and will have about an eight-week convalescence. "He's on the mend and hopefully will be back by December," Berndt said.

Radio days

El Cerrito Police Commander Scott Kirkland reports that the new 800-megahertz police radio system is coming along. On Oct. 12, the prefabricated building that will house the new radio equipment was put up on the east side of the Public Safety Building and the monopole antenna was erected Oct. 14. All of the antenna site construction in West County should be completed by mid-November, and Kirkland said testing is planned for December. He said the radio system, which will link several West County police departments including Kensington, El Cerrito, San Pablo, Richmond, Pinole and the West Contra Costa Unified School District, will be fully functional by March 2000.

Street safety

Community Development Manager Gerald Raycraft reported last

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ALBANY IN BRIEF

Planning for playing fields

Albany Mayor Peggy Thompson, City Administrator Daren Fields, Congresswoman Barbara Lee and others will meet with representatives from the USDA Nov. 8, to discuss the feasibility of establishing a roadway leading to Dowling Field.

The grass and often muddy field is now a seasonal playground and garden just west of University Village. Albany hopes to purchase the field from U.C. and reestablish playing fields targeted for demolition by the university as part of their "upgrade" of the village.

AHS Homecoming Week

Albany High School has scheduled a series of events in conjunction with homecoming week, including a men's volleyball tournament in the Albany Middle School gym on Monday at from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. The \$1 donation for admission to the tournament goes to Harrison House, an East Bay homeless shelter in Oakland that was the charity chosen by the AHS Leadership class.

The week continues with float building on Monday through Thurs-

day from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., and the Powder Puff girls football event at the Buchanan School field Wednesday from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. The week culminates on Friday with the homecoming parade along Solano, Thousand Oaks and Key Route from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., the homecoming game at 3:15 p.m. at Cougar Field, and the Homecoming Dance from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Details: 559-6550.

Pasta Dinner

The Friends of the Albany Seniors presents a special Pasta Dinner Sunday, Oct. 24, from 3 to 6 p.m. The feast, described as an "old world family" dinner, will be held at the Senior Center, 846 Masonic Ave. Tickets can be purchased there or at the Chamber of Commerce.

Toward a drug-free nation

Red Ribbon Week — an effort to demonstrate a commitment toward establishing a drug-free nation — will be celebrated in Albany Oct. 23-25.

Initially established in honor of Enrique Camarena, a federal drug enforcement agent killed by drug traffickers in 1985, the week-long celebration was officially designated by Congress in 1988.

Kensington won't let butcher go without fight

By Kate Darby Rauch

KENSINGTON — On the first day of the month, Gordy Napolitano was given 30 days to pack up his rump roasts, pork loins and drumsticks and leave the Young's Market butcher counter his family has leased for more than six decades.

The store is going through ownership changes; one of the new buyers is a butcher who wants meat department control.

Napolitano knew ownership shifts at the small family-style grocery on Arlington Avenue were in the works and could affect his business. But he wasn't prepared, he said, for such short notice.

Now, numerous residents in this upscale, unincorporated community have taken Napolitano as their cause celebre, passing petitions asking store owners to give him more time to relocate or to let him stay.

More than 100 signatures have been collected so far, said John McAfee, a 12-year Kensington resident leading the petition drive.

"People want to do something," said McAfee, who has been standing periodically in front of the store to talk to customers about the issue.

"I was shocked, sad and angry," said Catherine Flowers, who has lived in Kensington for 15 years and is aiding the effort. "They should keep him here or give him some equitable transition."

Young's three owners say the move not to keep Napolitano's shop was purely a business decision and the butcher knew for months it was a likely possibility. But owner Jeff Hammond said the public outcry over the situation is hurting business and maybe it is time to regroup.

"It's a terrible situation. No one feels comfortable about it. It's tragic," Ham-

mond said. "If there was another way to do it, we should have done it that way."

Hammond, who used to be a bag boy at Young's, working his way up to checker and now owner, said he plans to ask everyone involved to seek mediation in hopes of working out a compromise.

"People here in the community, they've built the market," he said. "They feel like they're losing the icon of Kensington."

Napolitano said he appreciates the public response. Job hunting at age 60 will be tough, and "I can't draw Social Security," he said. He intends to buy a freezer this weekend to store what meat he can't sell.

About six months ago, the Young family began negotiating to sell its 50 percent interest in the market to Donald Gordon, a butcher who used to work for Napolitano. Napolitano, whose business is called

Arlington Meats, leases space at Young's. His father started the butcher shop in 1938 and the son took it over in 1975.

The Young family owned the market even before his father came on board, Napolitano said. The other 50 percent of the store is owned by Hammond and Steve Gaustad. The Youngs still own the building but aren't involved in its operations.

It only made sense, Hammond said, for Gordon, a butcher, to run meats at Young's. Meat will no longer be separated from other food sales, meat counter hours will be expanded and selections will change some, he said. Upset shoppers say the change may make sense, but it's not fair.

"Gordy and his family have been members of the community for 60 years. To not even pay someone for the client base they've built for years and years is awful," Flowers said.

Officer

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criminal laws on campus, including truancy and no smoking codes, Murdo said an officer would handle the matter as directed by the administration. However he made it clear a sworn police officer is duty-bound to enforce the law, especially when felonies and serious misdemeanors are committed.

Board members Mary Wallmann and Bill Cain asked questions about the terms of a contract proposed by the state Department of Justice in order for the program to be implemented.

Murdo said he was told the contract would be available for review once the board agreed to accept it.

Speaking as a member of the SRO committee, Assistant Principal Randy Booker stressed efforts on campus to promote mutual respect between students, teachers, and administrators.

A popular figure on campus, Booker said he thought an officer could help with conflict resolution, anger management, and participate in counseling groups, and would be a valuable asset in situations where a policeman's intervention might be necessary.

Albany resident Jacques Berchten said after listening to the presentation that he heard no evidence justifying the need for a police officer on campus. Berchten said he was a member of a committee established last spring to poll the public about their thoughts on the proposed SRO program. He said that poll was not scientifically designed, was conducted in an arbitrary manner, and as a consequence was useless.

Berchten also questioned the makeup of the new committee, one appointed by Superintendent Gary Mills.

That eight-member committee is composed of two students, the Safe Schools teacher coordinator, two high school administrators, and three representatives from the Albany Police Department.

When several residents questioned the need for an armed officer on campus, Buzz Sawyer said, "This is not England." The 13-year resident supported the program and said "I don't want to see (an officer) go on campus carrying a bottle of mace and a stick."

Sawyer, who lives near campus, said people in Albany do not live in a bubble and that the high school is a microcosm for the rest of society.

Students need a strong, authoritative figure such as a police officer, he said. "It is an opportunity for them to learn there place in the community," said Sawyer.

Dozens of parents and residents praised the new high school administration and the positive results they have achieved. One speaker said she wanted to support their efforts and asked the administration's view on the issue.

AHS Principal Gloria Galindo did not hesitate to say she supported the SRO program. However, Galindo said she was primarily concerned about "outside influences," rather than problems that exist on campus.

Galindo described an incident that occurred just outside the high school — a brutal fight between two boys from another district that she attempted to break up.

"They refused to leave," Galindo said, and she was forced to call the police.

The new principal said the proposed SRO program would provide students a "whole new perspective," though she admitted that initially she had some reservations about an officer carrying a gun.

"Let's try this," she said, telling

the board and the audience that the SRO proposal, if accepted, would be a pilot program.

Albany resident and attorney Robert Outis said most speakers seemed to agree that the poll used to justify an officer on campus was conducted in an unscientific manner. He said there was no evidence provided to suggest there is a major problem with crime on campus.

Outis added there is a general consensus that students and teachers on campus are happy, and that most students opposed having an armed officer on campus. What, then, justified the need? he asked.

Outis suggested those on the committee were little more than an advocacy group justifying the need for the program.

Late in the meeting, officer Mike Ayers approached the microphone, yet chose to face the audience instead. Ayers offered what supporters would characterize as a passionate defense of the SRO program.

The officer, dressed in the "soft look" outfit proposed by program supporters, a handgun holstered to his hip, said he was "appalled at the lack of common sense" that he heard during the debate.

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Two landmark local eateries — Walker's Pie Shop on Solano Avenue in Albany and Lois the Pie Queen at the corner of 60th and Adeline in North Oakland — are celebrating significant anniversaries. Walker's is 35, and Lois' is 50.

On the surface, they couldn't be more different. Walker's is about as Midwestern as you can get, a mom and pop (actually, brother and sister) restaurant that serves up wholesome vibes and wholesome vittles in equal measure.

It's a little bit of America, nestled right next door to the People's Republic of Berkeley. Whenever I get tired of the anger and incivility that haunt our modern life, I head for Walker's for a healthy dose of niceness.

They serve popovers instead of bread and give discounts to senior citizens. For generations of fresh-faced Albany High School students, their first job has been bussing tables at Walker's. The waitresses and customers have always considered each other like family. To eat there is like visiting a past that probably never was but sure ought to have been.

Lois', on the other hand, is strictly deep South. It's the unofficial meeting place for Oakland and Berkeley's African-American elite. On any given day, you can see luminaries like Elihu Harris, Robert Bobb or Reggie Jackson (who called Lois "my second mother") rubbing elbows with letter carriers and truck drivers. Reggie even has an item named after him on the menu: The Reggie Jackson Special — pork chops and eggs. And he's been known to get up and take orders when the waiters are overworked.

"When I was mayor, I always held my meetings there," says former Berkeley Mayor Gus Newport. "I figured, if the president can go to Camp David to relax, I can go to Lois'. I like it because it's a place where people of any color can go and feel welcome. And the beautiful thing is that the whole feeling is completely unforced."

But on a deeper level, Walker's and Lois' are the same. They're both "Cheers" without the booze — a home away from home where, as the "Cheers" theme song says, "everyone knows your name."

I've been going to Walker's for practically all of its 35 years, and I always order the same thing. (Actually, I don't really order. As soon as my favorite waitress, Gina Niemeier, sees me walking in the door, she puts in my order. And she has hot popovers waiting for me as soon as I sit down.)

I remember with gratitude how another waitress, Shelley Kaldunski, let me cry on her shoulder when my cat Eliza died. (And I returned the favor a few months later, when she lost her beloved golden retriever, Sophie.)

Then there was the surprise birthday party that the waitresses threw for one of their favorite customers, a senior citizen who was observing his 80th birthday but had no family left to celebrate with him. For him, Walker's was his family.

In fact, "family" has always been the operative word at Walker's. It's not uncommon for every member of the same family to work there at one time or another, such as the five Brunetti siblings — Cheri, Andrea, Chris, Ken, and Maria, all of whom waited tables or helped make pies

while working their way through school. (And they didn't turn out too badly, either: Cheri became a doctor; Andrea, Chris and Ken became lawyers; and Maria, who is still working at Walker's, is studying to be an anthropologist.)

Not much has changed at Walker's in these 35 years. The coffee has improved, from Yuban to Peerless. Reflecting the Alice Waters revolution, the salads now feature baby lettuces instead of iceberg.

And for the calorie-conscious '90s, Walker's now offers low-fat alternatives. (Although, as co-owner Doug Walker notes wryly, "People order Egg Beaters, then they eat hash browns and bacon on the side with gobs of butter on their toast.")

Otherwise, Walker's is the same warm and friendly place that it was when Doug and his sister Dolly first opened their doors in 1964. The decor is still, as restaurant critic Janet Fletcher described it, "plain as a pin." (I once told a friend that I go to Walker's for the atmosphere, and he said, "What atmosphere?" But that was my point: It's so unpretentious, it makes you feel at ease.)

But all things must change. Doug suffered a heart attack and underwent bypass surgery about five years ago. And now that he and Dolly are both in their 60s, they've decided to retire. At the end of the month, they'll turn the ownership — as well as their secret pie crust recipe — over to their chief cook, Jorge Sandoval, and his wife, Emma.

Does this mean Walker's is about to change? Not a chance. Jorge came to this country in the mid-'80s from Guatemala, and his first job was as a busboy at Walker's. He rose through the ranks until Doug finally handed over management of the kitchen to him in 1989.

"People may not realize it," says Doug, "but they haven't been eating my meals for the last 10 years. They've been eating Jorge's."

Jorge vows not to change a thing — not even the hand-stitched samplers on the walls featuring homely little poems by Robert Burns. More importantly, he and Emma are giving Walker's a fresh infusion of the same ideals that Doug and Dolly gave it in the first place. Like Doug, Jorge is a soft-spoken, gentle man who believes in giving good value and not cutting any corners.

In short, he's a younger version of Doug. Under his and Emma's direction, Walker's will continue serving wholesome food and a wholesome atmosphere for the next 35 years. That's why Doug is reassuring nervous customers by putting a sign in the window that reads, "Don't panic!"

Thanks, Doug. Thanks, Dolly. And welcome to Jorge and Emma. The more things change, the more they remain the same.

Meanwhile, Lois the Pie Queen is celebrating its 50th birthday — alas, without its founder and namesake, Lois Davis, who died in 1993. But her spirit is still very much present.

Lois was an amazing person who came from an amazing family. Her father was the legendary Bishop E.E. Cleveland, founder of Berkeley's Episcopalian Church of God in Christ and one of the most prominent black pastors of his generation. Her daughter is the great Gospel singer Tramaine Hawkins.

But there was an even better singer than Tramaine in the family — Lois herself.

"She was known as 'The Songbird of the East Bay,'" says her sister, Pastor Ernestine Reems. "She was the lead singer in the choir of Immanuel Church of God in San Francisco, which had a weekly radio broadcast. One night, while she was pregnant with Tramaine, she was singing on the air when she went into labor. But she insisted on finishing the song before she'd go to the hospital. That's typical Lois."

Lois learned how to bake from her mother, Mathilda Cleveland, making pies as a little girl for her father's fund-raisers.

"She was the most perfect baker I've ever met," says Genevieve Trudell, who used to bake the pies at the restaurant. "She never made a mistake. Ever. Other cooks would make spills and stuff, but not Lois. I was completely in awe of her."

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ALBANY PTA NEWS

By Kay Weinstein

Albany PTA Council

■ Oct. 23-31, California State PTA Ribbon Week for a safe and drug-free America

Reminder: Send in PTA memberships and support your PTA!

Director of Curriculum Marianne Camp needs parents to serve on the following committees; if interested, Mcamp@alameda-k12.ca.us or call 559-6620.

■ Oct. 26, District Advisory Committee, 7 p.m., District Service Center, 904 Talbot, Board Room. This group is the District level of the Site Councils connected to SIP (School Improvement Program).

■ Oct. 28, English Language Learners, 7 p.m., District Service Center, 904 Talbot, Board Room. Daytime Meetings TBA, Curriculum Specific Committees for Math K-5 and Social Studies K-8.

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■ Oct. 28, New AHS Course Proposals due in Counseling Office (proposal forms are available in the counseling office; all parents are encouraged to participate). For more information, phone Sarah Samonsky, Course Offering Committee Chair, at 559-6550 ext. 4125 or email: bebbee@aol.com

■ Oct. 25-29, Homecoming Week

Albany Middle School

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■ Oct. 27, Gay/Lesbian Issues Committee, 4 p.m.

Cornell Elementary School

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■ Oct. 20, PTA Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

■ Oct. 26, Site Council Meeting

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■ Oct. 21, Site Council Meeting, 7 p.m., Ocean View Library

AUSD Board of Education

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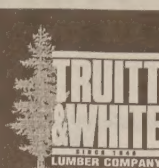
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VIEWPOINT

A letter from Gottschalks

By Gina M. Brusatori
EL CERRITO MAYOR

As mayor of the City of El Cerrito, I received the following letter from Joe Levy, chairman of Gottschalks, that refutes the allegation that Gottschalks asked for a large subsidy from the city. I am happy to hear that Gottschalks is still interested in El Cerrito. I strongly believe that if we elect Kathie Perka to the El Cerrito City Council, given her many contacts and experience in retailing, we will attract not only a quality department store, but also other desirable retail establishments.

Letter from Joe Levy

Dear Mayor Brusatori:

Largely due to the independent efforts of an El Cerrito citizen, Ms. Kathie Perka, Gottschalks became interested in the El Cerrito-Kensington-Albany market. Pursuing this interest, Gottschalks entered negotiations with the El Cerrito Plaza owners. Unfortunately, the Plaza owners had their own plans and we were not able to reach mutually acceptable terms. We

believe El Cerrito is an underserved market and remain interested if another suitable location can be found.

Toward that end, it is important that Gottschalks retain a positive public image with our eventual customers, the citizens of El Cerrito.

It has come to our attention that on Sept. 30 a viewpoint article appeared in the El Cerrito Journal which stated that Gottschalks "would not invest in El Cerrito without a large government hand-out." This is simply not so. All our negotiations were with the Plaza owners and at no time did we approach the City of El Cerrito or its Redevelopment Agency with any such request.

As a potential retailer to all El Cerrito citizens, it is not in Gottschalks' best interest to become involved in local politics. However, it is equally important that Gottschalks be accurately portrayed as a fair and even competitor wherever we choose to do business. Hopefully El Cerrito will become one of those choices.

Very truly yours,
Joe Levy
chairman

Committee dedicated to its task

By Steve Magyary

Recently there have been a number of statements by Councilman Norman LaForce and candidates Letitia Moore and Janet Abelson concerning the Committee of the Whole (CoW) also known as the Services for the 21st Century Committee. As chair of the Financial Review Team (FRT) (tasked by the CoW with analyzing the financial health of the city and related fiscal matters), I'd like to take this personal opportunity to set the record straight.

When established, the CoW was charged with determining if there is a General Fund deficit, examining the infrastructure problem and restoring trust between the community and the council.

According to these critics, the CoW and FRT have strayed from these topics and have not proceeded with due diligence. It would be helpful if these critics were specific about their complaints; of course since Councilman LaForce and Letitia Moore have not attended meetings since the inception of the CoW and Janet Abelson quit attending as of January, perhaps they are short on facts.

I will attempt to fill in El Cerrito citizens on some pertinent information.

As soon as the FRT was formed, we approached city staff and asked that we be provided with the city's financial data in a spreadsheet so we could set about analyzing the fiscal health of El Cerrito. We were told by two different staff members that the data was unavailable in such a format since the city's EDEN financial system was incompatible with a spreadsheet.

We did not give up! Fortunately, members of the FRT had sufficient computer programming experience, and after considerable amount of work and time (about four to six months) we were able to convert the EDEN data into the desired format so we could begin our analysis. Without the data in this computerized form, trying to determine whether there was a deficit or not would have been virtually impossible.

During the intervening time, the CoW did recommend that the Redevelopment Agency pay its nearly \$1.5 million debt to the city, since the repayment of this loan would clearly affect the deficit question. We could not arrive at accurate values for the debt since the agency and staff did not keep accurate records (the debt did not even appear in the city's and agency's audits until citizens raised serious concerns in 1996-97) and because of the loose methods of accounting for city expenditures.

To solve these problems, the CoW recommended that these procedures be improved and that proper cost/benefit analysis be performed for future projects. To this day, accurate numbers for the Target Store Project are not available, despite the likely cost well in excess of \$10 million to the taxpayers. Furthermore, until the debt was repaid and new accounting methods and a sharper focus established, the agency was to remain on hiatus (it had no money to do any serious projects anyway, for example at the Plaza) since the city could not afford to continue to subsidize the agency.

Council approved these suggestions, with only Councilmember LaForce in opposition. However, there is still not a proper plan for the agency to transition from active to hiatus role, despite repeated request by the CoW.

The CoW also made numerous recommendations concerning the format of budget documents for the city and agency. The intent for the revisions was to improve clarity so the average citizen could understand the city's finances better. The council also accepted these suggestions and many have been implemented by staff.

The committee then began to turn its attention to the deficit and the problems of infrastructure. We began to look at expenditures of the various departments, in particular management salaries and benefits. As of February, it looked as if the city was close to running a possible deficit, when a member of the FRT by chance asked about the city retirement fund costs.

We were informed by staff that as early as November 1998, the city was notified of a likely reduction in these retirement costs of nearly \$500,000.

The FRT was kept in the dark for nearly three months about an extremely significant piece of information, which allowed us to forecast that the city was not in danger of running a deficit in the next three to four years.

It was in the process of doing these projections that we also discovered that the city had the data in the proper electronic format all along. Essentially the city had wasted the CoW and FRT's time for nearly half a year. That is why the CoW could not proceed expeditiously.

Despite these repeated delays and withholding of relevant information, the CoW persevered and began to address the infrastructure problem.

The numbers provided by staff, in the fall of 1998, were about \$500,000-800,000 for the pool, \$1.5 to \$2.5 million for the parks and \$4.5 million for the streets.

Because of the large variation in these numbers, the CoW repeatedly requested that management and the council acquire more accurate estimates. Nothing happened in 1998; in fact, despite numerous request, no action was taken until June.

This of course made any attempt to do something for the November ballot impossible. Furthermore, when the estimates finally came in, they were \$4.6 million to \$4.9 million for the pool and about \$11 million for the streets. These numbers are so far from the estimates originally provided by management, a 600 percent error for the pool and a 250 percent error for the streets, that all the work done by the CoW became obsolete. Furthermore, given the pressure by pool supporters to put a tax measure on the March ballot, the CoW did not even have time to analyze the estimates.

So here we are in October of 1999, only to find out that the costs of infrastructure repair are likely to be closer to \$20 million to \$25 million, rather than the \$8 million the CoW was led to believe. Perhaps that is why the critics of the CoW would prefer if the committee would go away; otherwise citizens and taxpayers of El Cerrito might begin to ask why, how and who created and is responsible for this crisis.

That is precisely the reason why the CoW is committed to forging ahead. We must prevent this from happening again.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PTA participation never questioned

I would like to correct a serious misrepresentation of my comments at the Oct. 12, meeting of the Albany School Board by your reporter, James Carter.

The subject under discussion was Superintendent Gary Mills' proposal to create a School District Key Communicator Group. In particular, Carter wrote: "Skinner and Cain also appeared to question the need for six PTA-appointed representatives on the 61-member panel." I believe he also seriously misrepresented board member Marsha Skinner's view as well. But, I will leave it to her to represent her own views.

To put it simply, I did not question the need for the six PTA-appointed representatives to the District Key Communicator Group recommended by Superintendent Mills. I have always embraced their participation in all aspects of school activities.

The PTAs members participating in the key communicator group will provide valuable representation and insights of the most active part of the school community: parents and teachers. It would be ludicrous for any school board member to ever question the participation of PTA representatives in any group advising the school board on any school matters.

The PTAs are some of the most important groups in the school community. Through the PTAs at each school and through the districtwide PTA Council, parents and teachers come together to discuss all kinds of subjects affecting the school district and to provide support for our students and excellent teaching staff. They frequently provide valuable advice and comments to the school board, as a whole, as well as to individual school board members on a wide variety of topics. I have always appreciated their wise counsel.

The subject under discussion was the appointment of additional non-PTA members to the Key Communicator Group representing the broader Albany community. Superintendent Mills had proposed having the PTAs recommend the non-PTA participants. I stated that the Senior Center or the Solano Avenue Association would be better able to suggest people representing their respective views than the PTAs could. Just as the PTAs could suggest PTA representatives better than the other groups could.

The discussion was about including as many views from the Albany community as possible. I was advocating for as wide and diverse representation as possible. The very purposes of this group are: 1) to develop a strong community awareness of what is happening in the schools, 2) to engage all portions of the Albany community in a dialogue about how to make the schools the best they can be for our students, and 3) to communicate this information to those without the time or means to participate in the process. Through the breadth of experience of the group members, we can be sure of having the best possible advice on matters affecting the school system and on how the school system affects the community.

Mr. Mills' proposal is a very good commu-

nication tool between the schools and the community. It is a tool we have needed for a long time.

He brought it to the board for a public discussion to make it even better. The 61 members of various school and community constituencies identified for participation by Superintendent Mills were simply an attempt to begin a process, not an attempt to limit "membership."

The point of the key communicator group is communication between schools and the community. Anyone is welcome to participate in the process. If you are interested in participating, please call the Albany Unified School District Office at 510-558-3766.

Bill Cain
vice president Board of Education-
Albany Unified School District

Clarifying board discussion

At our last AUSD board meeting, we discussed guidelines for the formation of a new group. To be called the Key Communicator Group, its members will help staff and the board stay in touch on a variety of topics.

In James Carter's report about that meeting, he closed by correctly stating that I asked who would choose the 10 "non-parent" representatives on this group. Unfortunately, he went on to state "Skinner and Cain also appeared to question the need for six PTA-appointed representatives on the 61 member panel." That is unfortunate, and also incorrect.

As a former PTA president, I need to set the record straight. Each PTA president will have a seat. There is also a parent seat for MacGregor High, which is not organized as a PTA. Those six seats were not ever an issue. In addition, each elementary school will have three parent seats.

Albany Middle School and Albany High School will each have four parent seats. Parents will be notified by the principals of the opportunity to serve on this committee. The final selection of parent representatives will be determined by the PTA board of each school. These 17 parent seats were never an issue.

What was under discussion was the method by which the 10 community members will be selected. Our decision was to ask for input from a variety of groups; among those suggested were the Senior Center, the League of Women Voters, and local preschools. The board and the superintendent will select these representatives.

There will also be seats for business representatives, our staff, Children's Center parents, and a representative of the city.

As Carter correctly reported, there were no student seats shown on the initial draft. After a request by Oscar Whelan, those were added.

We look forward to hearing from this group. It certainly was not my intent, nor do I think it was Bill's intent, to exclude anybody. I would be happy to hear from anyone who is interested in serving on this committee.

Marsha Skinner
board member, AUSD

When homecoming was a happy time

Where was I when homecoming became so controversial? Newly arrived in Albany amidst the hue and cry of frozen eggs, bloody stitches and vandalized property, I dragged out my dust-covered yearbook (Santa Monica High in Southern California) to discern what was so different, then and now.

Admittedly, it had to be urgent for me to (a) dig through old storage boxes, and (b) feast on my senior picture and deal with the dreary reality that yes, my hair actually did look like that way back when. And thanks to yearbooks, into infinity.

Memories overwhelmed me: up all night decorating the school with more Kleenex flowers than a "Miss Twinkie-Teen" parade ... returning bleary-eyed at dawn sporting curlers (warned you about the 'do) for the finishing touches ... knees knocking in the cold, waiting for our football team, not about winning or losing, but the bittersweet realization that was almost a last game together.

Homecoming. We welcomed the class newly arrived, we honored the class soon to depart. We made abject fools of ourselves with relay races, yell downs, tug-of-wars, filled with laughter as we sowed the seeds of indelible memories. No emergency rooms. No police cruisers. No damaged cars. No vandalized property.

Homecoming. Laughter. Fun. Welcoming the freshmen. Honoring the seniors. Pulling together as a student body, as a school, as a community of friends. Just like the other 52 weeks a year.

So I have to ask myself: why should the 52nd week be any different?

Janice Hickman
Albany High School
leadership advisor

Give these two your vote

In the coming election, the citizens of El Cerrito have an opportunity to elect two extremely well-qualified candidates to the City Council. I am speaking, of course, of Kathie Perka and Bea O'Keefe.

Kathie Perka has achieved a measure of local fame for her untiring efforts in gathering some 10,000 signatures on a petition to oust Gottschalks to locate a store here.

Bea O'Keefe, meanwhile has been laboring successfully but largely unsung as director of the Stege Sanitary District. I have become acquainted with each of these ladies, and find them to be bright, articulate, energetic and devoted to the welfare of our town.

I recommend and support each of them without qualification, and urge your affirmative consideration when deciding on whom you wish to have representing your interests when the coming difficult financial decisions have to be made.

Their work on the council will not be easy but there is no doubt in my mind that they are the best for the job. Please give them your vote. El Cerrito needs them!

Robert W. Schwab
El Cerrito

Supervisors, Board of Education endorse alliance call to action

The Alliance for Public Education's Call to Action on the West Contra Costa Unified School District's debt to the state of California received two major endorsements this past week.

In action at its meeting on Oct. 19, the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors joined cities and community organizations from throughout West Contra Costa in calling for the state to restore equality in funding for district schools.

The resolution of support passed on a 4-0 vote. (Supervisor Donna Gerber was absent.)

Supervisor John Gioia, a school district parent, introduced the resolution supporting the "Call to Action."

Gioia said there is a strong need to revitalize our public schools and the importance of West County's schools having the same level of funding as other schools in the county.

"Strong public education is the basic building block of our communities," said Gioia, "and as West County starts to participate more fully in the economic growth occurring in Contra Costa and the Bay Area, it is really important that our schools be on a level playing field with other schools in the region."

It really doesn't make sense that children in our schools today should not receive the same amount of funding as students in other districts because of mistakes made by adults in a previous administration."

Gioia said the effort to bring debt relief to the district would require strong and coordinated action by many and pledged the support of his office as the effort moved forward.

On Oct. 11, the WCCUSD board also endorsed the Call to Action.

Student school board member Darius Barnes, John F. Kennedy High School, made an impassioned

plea to the board in support of the Call to Action.

Barnes said, "You just have to look around at our schools to know how much we need all of the funds we should be allocated by the state."

Mira Vista Elementary haunted house and carnival

Mira Vista Elementary School's annual Haunted House and Halloween Carnival will be held on Saturday, Oct. 30, 5-9 p.m. Come and enjoy carnival games, fortune telling, pumpkin painting, good food and the haunted halls of Mira Vista, where ghostly apparitions have been known to appear.

This is a fun event, so dress up in your best costume and come join in safe Halloween fun.

All proceeds will be used to fund PTA sponsored activities and programs at Mira Vista School.

Portola Parent Saturday is tomorrow

Portola Middle School will host Parent Saturday on Oct. 23. Parents of all Portola students, parents of prospective Portola students, and interested community members are invited to attend.

Portola teachers will present several workshops, including "Organizing for Middle School," "Creative Feature," "Art Projects for Home and Holidays," "Manipulating Your Way Through Algebra," "Building Character: Self-esteem, Responsibility, and Respect," "Attention Deficit Disorder," "Science is Fun!" and "Math Standards and Benchmarks." This event runs 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., with a new 50-minute workshop beginning on each hour. The event will end with a question-and-answer session for parents with Principal Duangsamone Sivily.

El Cerrito Class of 2004 information night

El Cerrito High School will hold an information night for the parents and students of the class of 2004 (entering Fall 2000) on Monday, Nov. 8

6-8 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

Meet ECHS students, teachers, parents and administrators, tour ECHS classrooms, enjoy refreshments, and learn about life as an El Cerrito High School Gaucho.

Last school board candidates' forum scheduled

The election for the WCCUSD School Board is around the corner. Be informed when you vote! Meet your School Board candidates, and hear their views on education issues. The WCCUSD, Bayside Council PTA, and the League of Women Voters have been sponsoring a series of candidates' forums at all district high schools.

The next (and last) forum will be held in the John F. Kennedy High School Cafeteria on Monday, Oct. 25, 7-9 p.m. Can't make it to the forum? Listen to it on radio station

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Bond

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about \$950,000 more than the City Council's 10 percent reserve policy.

The question of "buy downs" was left for the Nov. 1 City Council meeting. Councilman Mark Friedman said he is opposed to using city reserve funds to reduce the bond amount.

"I agree with Councilmember Bartke, I do not support using any of the reserves," Friedman said. "I think we have to be extremely careful with spending that down."

Funding grants and other ways to reduce the bond were also discussed. Mayor Gina Brusatori pushed the idea of pool-user groups doing fund raisers "to get the pool community to help buy down this measure for the taxpayers."

La Force talked about the statewide parks and recreational facilities bond measure that will be on the March ballot which, if passed, could provide some funds for these El Cerrito projects.

"If we pass our measure, we're going to be right there, I would say the day after that bond measure

passes, we run up to Sacramento and say here's our application, now process it," La Force said.

Councilman Larry Damon praised the community process leading to the project proposals, but later said "people are telling me, don't ask me for money if you've got money in the bank."

City staff will prepare reports for the council's Nov. 1 meeting, which will, among other things, look at "buy down" options through such things as fund raising, grants and use of city reserves.

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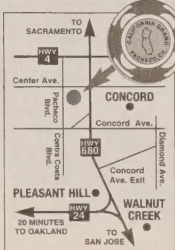
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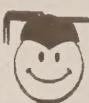
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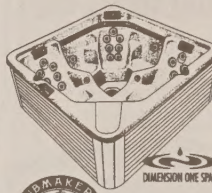
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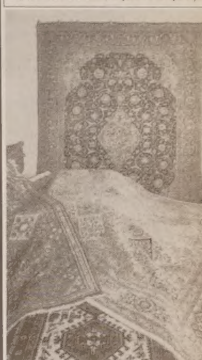
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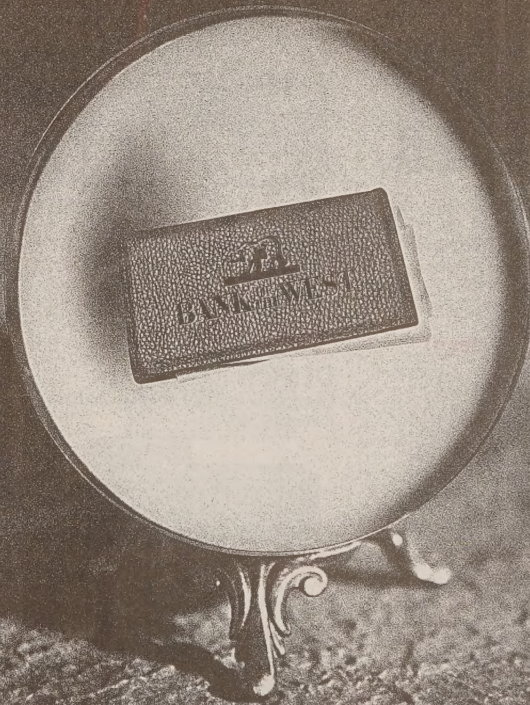
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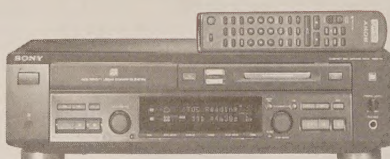

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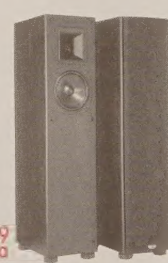
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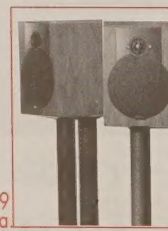
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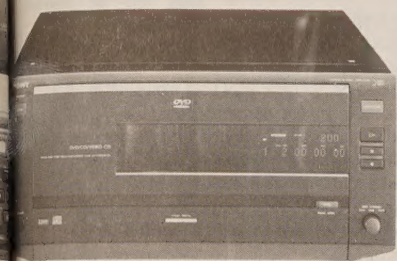
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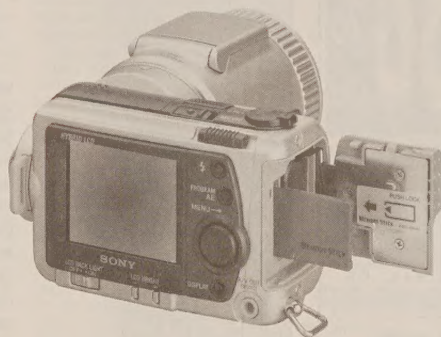


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Julia Morgan School for Girls attracting students from wide area

By Christina Engelbrecht

It was only the second day at the new Julia Morgan School for Girls in Oakland, but already the inaugural class of sixth graders had left its mark.

The hallway of a converted dorm on the campus of Holy Names College is painted with the silhouettes of these pioneer scholars between bulletin boards packed with pictures and biographies of modern history's greatest women. Photos of Olympic champion gymnast Dominique Dawes, author Pearl Buck, actress Sarah Bernhardt, singer Bessie Smith, pilot Katherine Stinson and astronomer Maria Mitchell greet the girls with images of what they can

become.

Quilts and baskets of yarn also dot the hallway, encouraging pride in the artforms women have traditionally used to express themselves. And through one bright blue door, in a classroom labeled "math/science and art," is the next generation of women innovators expressing their individuality with some paint and garage-sale chairs.

Painting furniture isn't an ordinary first-week-of-school activity, a fact appreciated by the students. Raven Duckett of Oakland expounds on her selection of reds and oranges defining the slats of her chair.

"I really like bright colors, but I've never painted furniture. Especially not in school. It's cool," she says with a

grin.

A student's customized chair will be hers until she graduates, at which point she will take the chair with her. The orientation activity is indicative of the educational strategy envisioned by the JMSG founders: Step back and let the students shine as individuals.

"All the furniture was donated by Women in Leadership at Lucent Technologies, but there weren't enough chairs. One of the students came up with the idea to get the chairs at garage sales, and then everyone could paint their own chair any way they wanted, and then they could use that chair for all three years, and then they could take it with them when they graduated to remember their days at Julia Morgan. The idea came from a student, just like everything else in this school," beamed director Ann Clarke.

After three years of planning by volunteers wanting to give East Bay middle school girls the option for a single-gender education close to home, JMSG has enrolled 34 students representing 19 Alameda and Contra Costa elementary schools.

The school was named for California architect Julia Morgan not only because of her prowess in a field ordinarily dominated by men, but be-

cause architecture is an amalgamation of all the disciplines JMSG will emphasize.

"Architecture is a blending of the mathematic and scientific and the aesthetic, which is something we want to stress," explained board president Ilana DeBare. Hence a room being devoted to math, science and art.

A supportive environment of female friends and mentors in and out of the classroom provides the foundation for academic risk-taking that often leads to success in all disciplines, says DeBare. As Auburn Lutzross of Oakland says, "boys can be irritating sometimes" in a co-ed environment and girls need a little extra encouragement to shine during those critical early adolescent years when they are discovering who they are as young women.

Meghan White of Oakland called the chairs an "instant tradition" and the school an instant success. "I barely knew anybody when I came and I've already made a lot of new friends,"

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she said.

Jocelyn Eastman of Oakland confirmed that already in two days the school has succeeded in providing an atmosphere in which she feels free to be herself.

"I feel more open than when I'm in public school and I like associating with girls more than boys. We can be more open and can call our teachers by their first names," said the private school convert, who pointed out that her multi-colored chair "expresses my personality."

Clarke feels that while the parents of the first JMSG class were interested in sending their children to an all-girl school with a challenging academic program, the girls themselves have a real sense that they are making history.

"It's like a new beginning," said Ica Williams of Oakland. "I'm excited to see what it will be like over years."

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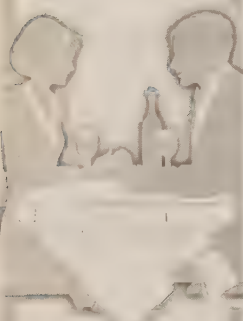
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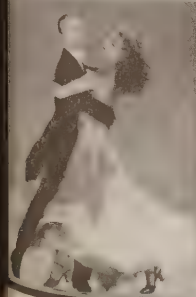
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Perka

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it on myself to do that, and that's the kind of initiative and can-do spirit and attitude that I have. There are a lot of other ideas that I have that I'd like to take forward for marketing El Cerrito."

Perka said she doesn't want to "micro-manage" the city, but added "there are some financial planning issues that we need to address."

She said she sees herself as "the face of El Cerrito — a liaison to the business community and to others — to let people know about what good things we have here — the people, the diversity that we have among our people, and the wonderful open space, parks and just the whole essence of El Cerrito."

Asked about the city's top problems, Perka said "first of all we need to encourage a balanced economic growth within the city that meets the needs of the community. We need to repair our aging infrastructure and set in place strategies to make sure it doesn't happen again."

Perka said the city has to "do better forecasting" and added, "We need to forecast our budgets out to the future, reassess them periodically, like the Services for the 21st Century recommended, and see how close we come."

She also emphasized a strategy of economic development and the need to keep expenditures and revenues "growing, hopefully, at the same rate" so that city expenditures do not exceed city revenues.

"It has the potential to happen if we don't look at it now. We're fine for short term, but we can't just keep looking at the short term. We can't just keep living year to year; we have to look out to the future."

Perka added: "We need a financial plan — a fiscal plan — because we have to properly manage our expenditures, because our budget is limited; we have limited revenues. By doing that we assure stability for the community, the city workers — everybody."

Asked if El Cerrito politics are becoming more contentious, Perka said "I'd like to think not. I only know the way that I am, and I try to listen to people. I try to listen to their message; I don't try to pass judgements on who the messenger is."

She said the current City Council "has come a long way toward making some improvements from earlier times, from earlier councils."

When asked if the Committee of the Whole is doing its job, Perka said "yes" and that "those who say differently haven't participated in the process."

The Committee of the Whole has made a number of recommendations that have been wholeheartedly received by the council."

Brief

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week that he has received letters and reports from parents of students at Portola Middle School and Prospect Sierra School expressing concern about the intersection of Moeser Lane, Avis Drive and Navellier Street. "The letters voice concern about the safety of the intersection as it relates to school children," Raycraft noted and said that traffic signals, or movable or permanent stop signs on Moeser have been requested. Flashing yellow warning lights are already used on Moeser in the morning and afternoon when students are present and Avis and Navellier (the north-south directions) already have stop signs in place, Raycraft noted.

The city will have its traffic consultant, Abrams Associates evaluate the intersection to see if a traffic signal would increase pedestrian safety and not disrupt traffic flow when the school is not in session. "We also want to determine what effect a permanent four-way stop at this intersection will have on vehicular traffic, acknowledging that pedestrian safety will probably be improved," Raycraft reported. If traffic signals are warranted, Raycraft estimates their cost to be "at least \$75,000."

Safe costume and chalk art fun

On Saturday, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., join Harding Education Project for a mid-day drawing contest and a judging of the safest costume for Halloween at Harding Elementary School, Ashbury and Fairmont. The first 40 children accompanied by a parent get a free pumpkin.

Entry fee for the drawing contest is \$5. With this the children get a box of chalk they can keep after drawing a picture in Harding Playground.

Details: Andy Austin, 528-5025 in the evening.

She pointed to such items as the budget recommendations and redevelopment recommendations made by the committee to the council.

The candidate was asked if a tax measure or measures will be part of El Cerrito's future.

"I can't give a blanket yes — there's a lot of other questions that need to be answered," she said.

She said one of the most important questions is: "Has the city committed to setting in place strategies and mechanisms" to "eliminate the practice of deferred maintenance and set in place financial strategies to ensure that this doesn't happen again?"

How can the city address its many capital needs without some type of voter-approved taxes?

"I'm hoping that we can jump-

start or we can get some businesses by helping our existing businesses, by attracting additional businesses that the community wants, (and by) marketing El Cerrito," Perka said. "It's pretty scary and you wonder what's been going on," she added. "Everybody's going to tell you, 'Oh it's Prop.13, oh it's the state take away' — yeah, those are problems, but Prop.13 has been on the books for 20 years, it's not going to go away. You gotta live with it and you gotta go forward and try to be creative."

When pressed, Perka reluctantly said there is "probably not" any way to meet the city's capital needs without placing tax measures on the ballot. She was quick to add, however, "we need to be creative — we need to think — we need to think beyond just simple bond measures as being

the way to dig ourselves out of this."

On the matter of the \$5 million-plus March 2000 ballot measure to fund the Swim Center and other park and recreation items, Perka said it may be possible to "buy down" the cost through corporate contributions and other "creative ways." She went on to say: "I want to fix the pool and I want to get these buildings back in shape — I think some sort of additional financing in the form of a tax is probably inevitable, but as to what shape or form that takes has yet to be determined." Perka said she will probably support the swim center ballot measure, but that she needs to see the actual measure before she can give a definite endorsement.

On the question of Plaza reconstruction and revitalization, Perka said "it's going to be exciting for the

city." Is she happy with the reconstruction plan? "I am happy that something is happening — I am not happy that it doesn't have the quality department store that so many people wanted." She said the revitalized Plaza will be "a center of activity for the city," boost civic pride and produce additional sales tax revenues for El Cerrito.

As for the department store question, Perka said she has had "on-going discussions with the department store, with Gottschalks, as recent as last week, and they are still interested."

When she walks the precincts, Perka said people still tell her that they want a place to shop here in El Cerrito. "They thank me for doing what I did regarding a quality department store."

Perka said people also talk to her

about such things as the trees, streets, traffic and the center. "They are concerned about taking care of things," she said. "They're not interested in maintaining the status quo — they like they definitely want some of positive future."

Perka's endorsers include El Cerrito Mayor Gina Brusatori, Councilman Larry Damon, former El Cerrito council members Roy Messinger, Mae Ritz, and El Cerrito Commerce President Bill Messinger. Organizations endorsing her are the El Cerrito Local Union 152 and the National Women's Political Caucus of Contra Costa.

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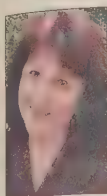
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Berkeley piping-hot with million-dollar sales



By Arlene Baxter

The Internet economy has been good to a new crop of young buyers and they're making the most of it.

Is the extraordinary becoming ordinary? If the past few weeks are any indication, record numbers of Berkeley sellers are asking for what used to be the impossible dream: a \$1 million sale on their home. And a new breed of Berkeley buyer is making that dream come true.

High-end shoppers strolling through the Sunday open houses this past week-end enjoyed unprecedented options: three \$1 million homes in North Berkeley alone. One carried a price tag of \$1.75 million, a record in this town.

The look of these would-be buyers at the \$1 million range has gone from tweed to khaki in the past year, reflecting a change in new homeowners' average age and buying attitudes.

Younger people with money

Elissa Jackson, President of the Berkeley Association of Realtors and an active broker in Berkeley for the past 17 years, says buyers at the highest price point are getting younger.

"For years, this was a city based largely around the University. It was faculty members from UC, as well as doctors and lawyers, who were the standard bearers of our highest priced properties.



JOHN SNYDER/STAFF

80 VICENTE DR. in Berkeley. This property is on the market at \$1,155,000, but it sold last year as a new construction for \$975,000. The owner, an Internet entrepreneur who recently sold his on-line company, is in line for a nice profit.

Now it's younger people from the computer industry. They don't seem to mind the commute, or they telecommute, and they have brought with them lots of money," Jackson says.

One such computer techie was in the

right place at the right time when he sold his Internet startup, an online fly-fishing business, for a substantial profit. Last Sept. he bought a new home in the Fire Area off Tunnel Road for \$975,000.

After improving the property for 10

months, the new owner has put the 3,000 square foot house back on the market for \$1.155 million.

A young GAP vice president saw this

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Shared living gains ground in Bay Area

Co-housing creates the best of both worlds — individual homes with the benefit of shared grounds, activities and company

By S.L. Wykes
SAN JOSE MERCURY NEWS

STEVEN MENTOR is living in a dream world that happens to be real.

He has a custom-built house just a few blocks from a university campus in that famously funky beach town, Santa Cruz. He can gaze out his windows onto a beautiful green. His 4-year-old son has a true cadre of playmates within shouting distance. And if Mentor's wife is working late and he feels like company, there are bound to be some friends gathered within a minute's stroll.

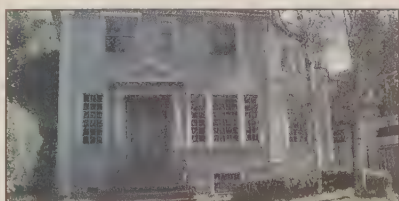
What Mentor and his family have is co-housing, a combination of private and shared space that's been fashionable in northern Europe for decades and is now rapidly gaining ground in the United States.

Although most co-housing developments have taken easier root in parts of the country where land is less expensive, the Bay Area has become a spiritual center for the movement, and is home to

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Probably everybody needs another room for something. I remember the first time a client mentioned needing a computer room. I did not yet own a computer, so had not given any thought to where one might go.

My client and I walked through an old, two-story shingle house together, and she'd said it had enough bedrooms and baths to satisfy. She liked the kitchen and the yard and the paneling.

Now she stood in the front entry eyeing a small closet under the stairwell. "This house won't work," she said, "because we need room for my husband to work on his computer, and there just isn't any place here."

Since then a lot of people have bought computers and need a place for them. Single people tell us they need at least two bedrooms: one for sleeping, one for an office. And if

True Experiences



By Tarpo and Talbert

they expect overnight visitors, they want a guest room, too.

More and more we hear that an exercise room is necessary, a place to set up a treadmill and weights. Some are content with a bedroom large enough to contain the usual bedroom furniture plus their exercise equipment and a television, while others insist on a completely separate space.

Lots of people are working from home these days. They want an office room with sufficient electricity for office machines, and if clients or customers come to them, a separate waiting room and entrance apart from the front door.

We don't get many requests for sewing rooms or laundry rooms large enough for a mangle iron and wash tubs. I guess there isn't much de-

mand for these anymore. But fairly often we are asked for enough space for a special interest - a room with good light and running water for an artist, or space for a wide-screen television or a movie projection system.

Twice we have had clients whose hearts were set on having a sound studio. If we could find a house that already had a sound studio, that would be great, but as that was unlikely, our clients would settle for a house with a space where one could be built.

The main ingredient of a sound studio, we have learned, is good soundproofing. The idea is to isolate noise within the studio, and the usual way to get this is to build an insulated box within another box.

An existing good sized room can work, but the ceilings must be at least ten feet high. Twelve feet is better.

Even in grand old houses that contain large billiard rooms, the ceilings are not usually high enough to allow for a sound studio.

We and our clients searched and searched for garages, basements, conservatories - anything that might be big enough for the intended use. It isn't too difficult to find grand living rooms with high ceilings but, of course, if turned into a sound studio, these houses no longer would have a living room.

We've seen several houses de-

signed especially for performances - musicals, poetry readings. These houses contain a large room, often quite fancy, with a platform for musicians or players, even occasionally, a bona fide stage with curtains.

My favorite of these is an old, all-redwood house in the Berkeley hills that was designed by the owners for music performances. The house is enclosed by a fence that comes right up to the sidewalk with a secret garden-like gate giving no hint of the wonderful surprise within.

Select, mature trees form a canopy and under them, on a rise away from the street, is the house.

Three-quarters of the interior of the house is a single room, a huge redwood paneled room with high ceilings and a massive fireplace. Oversized, double-hung windows provide a view of the bay.

The rest of the house consists of an uninteresting kitchen and bath and two tiny bedrooms that seem to be afterthoughts.

This house was not available when we were looking for sound studio space, but even if it had been, the main room was the only suitable space for a studio. Our clients would not have been willing to cover over the beautiful detailing within the room to make a studio and, unfortunately, even if they had, all other life activity would have to go on in

the lesser parts of the house.

Long searches lead one of our clients to buy a house with a large attached double garage which he intends to convert to his studio. Another plans to build a free-standing studio in his home garden.

A place to store a large collection of books is another treasure we have searched for. We've had clients who had so many books that there didn't seem to be a house in the world large enough to contain them all.

I told these clients about a story I heard once about a Berkeley man who was a book collector. His house was so completely overrun with books that his wife issued him an ultimatum: The books would have to go or she would.

I guess he had enough money to solve the problem. He bought a second house nearby just for the books. He moved them there and visited his library each day.

I wonder if each of us could design and build our houses to our own specifications, would we get all that we want? Would it work? The book people could have rooms lined with shelves; those who wanted an exercise room or office or projection room could include one.

But would we, even after thoughtful consideration and help from an architect, think to design space for the more mundane? Would we end

up with intentional spots in houses where frequently we tend to accumulate?

In my own house, we kitchen for most of our laundry and cook there, the kids homework and spread out projects. This leaves the dining room available for all of the things we didn't find a place for elsewhere.

The dining room is the place for the piano and computer printer. The fax machine and office telephone are there.

Because of its proximity to the front door, anything on the dining room easily can be seen and remembered when guests come in.

Even if I had the money, the devotion required to build a house from scratch, I doubt I could find a suitable space for all my activities.

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Saturday, Oct. 23

Senior living. Where do we go from here? Free seniors seminar at East Hills Community Church, 12000 Campus Dr., Oakland. Registration at noon, program from 1 to 3 p.m. Speakers will present information on trends in residential real estate and two different types of senior living facilities. Hosted by Steven and Christine Claybaugh, Montclair Better Homes Realty. Early registration requested. Call 510-339-8400.

Maybeck tour. Join author Stephen Maybeck for a walk and tour of two Berkeley houses featuring the architecture and artistry of Bernard Maybeck. Registration required, as size of group is limited. Cost: \$35 per person, a portion of which benefits Towne House Creative Living Center, an Oakland program that offers psychological and vocational assistance to people with severe mental disabilities. Call 510-429-0448 or e-mail schuler@mindspring.com.

Wednesday, Oct. 26

Maybeck Foundation lecture. Edward Burian writes on and teaches the architecture of Mexico and the Southwest. Burian will share from his book, *Modernity and the Architecture of Mexico* (University of Texas Press, with Ricardo Langreth). Burian will discuss the convergence of indigenous and European traditions in the religious buildings of colonial Mexico. 7:30 p.m., First Church of Christ, Scientist, Berkeley, at the corner of Dwight Way and Bowditch Street.



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WOODLAND CEMETERY, Stockholm, sets the mood for 'Sacred Dimensions,' the theme central to the second annual Maybeck Foundation Lecture Series. Call 510-466-5401 for information.

Admission \$10 for adults unless a foundation member; \$5 for Foundation members and students. Call 510-466-501.

Wednesday, Oct. 27 and Thursday, Oct. 28

Alameda homebuyer workshops.

The city of Alameda is sponsoring a series of free home buyer workshops in conjunction with the city's Downpayment Assistance and CASA Loan programs. Alameda residents are invited to learn about the home buying process. The workshops will include information on topics such as selecting a home, the role of the real estate agent, credit and budgeting, and qualifying for a loan. The monthly workshops will continue into the spring. Each complete workshop is six hours in total, conducted in two three-hour sessions. The first workshop will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. on Oct. 27 and 28, at Lum Elementary School, 1801 Sandcreek Way. The second workshop will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. on Nov. 29 and 30, at Haight Elementary School, 2025 Santa Clara Ave. Registration is required. Call 749-5825 to sign up.

Thursdays through Oct. 28

Home design workshop. Led by architect/contractor Barry Wagner from 7 to 10 p.m. Fee \$150. Call 525-7610.

Friday, Oct. 29

Artist's reception. Mei-Yu Lo's recent acrylic paintings can be seen at the Red Oak Gallery at 1891 Solano Ave. in Berkeley from Oct. 25 through Jan. 14, 2000. There is a reception scheduled for Friday, Oct. 29 from 6 to 8 p.m. Call 510-527-3387 for more information.

Saturday, Nov. 6

Seismic retrofitting. Is your home prepared for the next earthquake? A free seminar will address several key considerations including geologic profiling and specific retrofitting techniques. From 10 to 11:30 a.m., Truitt and White Lumber, 642 Hearst Ave., Berkeley. Reservations required. Call 510-649-2674.

Thursday, Nov. 11

California Landscape Garden. Slide presentation, talk and book signing from The California Landscape Garden: Ecology, Culture and design. UC Davis

professor Mark Francis presents work from his recent book on bringing the beauty, resources and natural processes of the California landscape into the home garden. 7 p.m., Builders Books, 1817 Fourth St., Berkeley. (UC Press, \$29.95, hardcover). Call 800-843-2028.

Tuesday, Nov. 30

Maybeck Foundation lecture. William Marquand is an architect and executive director of the Bernard Maybeck Foundation. He will give a talk for the Society of Architectural Historians on the space, structure and aesthetics of "Heaven and Earth" in Maybeck's masterpiece, the First Church of Christ, Scientist, Berkeley. Free guided tour of the church from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m., and will start his talk at 7:30 p.m. Corner of Dwight Way and Bowditch Street. Call 510-466-5401.

Ongoing

UC Botanical Garden. Enjoy a free tour of the UC Botanical Garden at 1:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Special-interest classes on a variety of subjects available. The garden is located on Centennial Drive behind the UC-Berkeley campus. Call 510-642-3343.

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Credit counseling. Consumer Credit Counseling Service, a nonprofit community service organization in Oakland has a series of free workshops. Registration is mandatory. Call (800) 501-SAVE.

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California pathologist Dr. Robert Raabe from 9 a.m. to noon the first Saturday of every month for a free Sick Plant Clinic at the UC Botanical Gardens, 200 Centennial Dr. in Berkeley. Drop in with a piece of a sick or a dying plant and Dr. Raabe will diagnose the problem. Call 510-643-2755.

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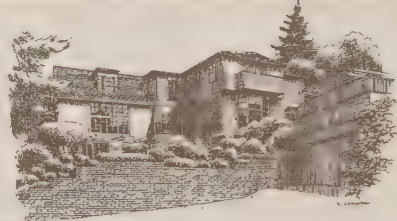
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The most effective way to increase the number of renters who can afford a house is to subsidize the down payment, a U.S. Census study says. Reducing the amount of required down payment and lowering mortgage interest rates had less impact on the ability to buy a house, the report said.

of the world's first gated residential development for gun enthusiasts, which opens this month. "Front Sight, Nevada, features world-class firearms facilities and SWAT training apparatus alongside its luxury homes, gourmet restaurant and soon-to-be-finished elementary school," Details magazine reports.

The high and mighty

How high can a high-rise go? The Chicago City Council has approved plans for a residential and commercial skyscraper designed to become the world's tallest building. The 112-

Nothing down

Some communities celebrate the fact that they have a stash of smaller, older homes in prime neighborhoods — the kind of homes that get torn down elsewhere. In Minneapolis/St.

Paul, the Twin Cities Bungalow Club is thriving, having grown from a charter membership of 15 homeowners in 1995 to a robust crowd of nearly 300.

The fall issue of Traditional Home Renovation Style offers a nice piece on the club, a grass-roots organization of neighbors who share a couple of things in common: an affection for small homes and the desire to preserve them. The club publishes a quarterly small-home newsletter, sponsors lectures and home tours, and dispenses valuable information about restoration.

— Compiled by Julie Shippen

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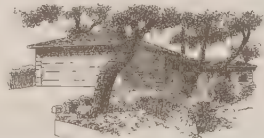
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Study says Realtors a graying demographic

Newsday

A year ago, those gathered at the National Association of Realtors conference in Anaheim worried that the demographic profile of the average real estate agent differed too greatly from that of a typical buyer.

In a recent study, the association found that nothing has changed in the Realtor-buyer gap.

Real estate agents, on average, have become older, the vast majority still are white, and the average agent has been in the business for six to 10 years, an indication that

new agents are not entering the industry as often as officials would like.

Some real estate experts had been expecting younger and more diverse individuals to join the ranks of Realtors as technology became a more significant part of the work and a wider variety of buyers entered the market.

But that hasn't happened. The average Realtor, according to the association, is a 52-year-old married white woman, with a gross income of \$43,500 annually.

While the report included a host of facts, perhaps the most interest-

ing trend is the graying of Realtors' ranks. Twenty years ago, 15 percent of sales agents were under 30. Now, only 6 percent of all real estate sales agents fall into that age group. Agents 50 and over make up 48 percent of the Realtor population.

Despite the graying trend, these agents are computer-savvy. Ninety percent of all real estate agents in the association's study own or lease a computer. And more than 60 percent of them use e-mail and the Internet for their businesses. Thirty percent of them have World Wide Web pages for business use.

As in previous years, 95 percent of all Realtors are white, the study found, with the remaining 5 percent split mostly among black, Latino and Asian agents.

While median income hovers in the \$40,000 range, 20 percent of all Realtors earn at least \$100,000. In the small-office nature of a real estate agent's business, just 22 percent of all Realtors have 401(k) plans, while 46 percent of them invest in stocks and bonds. Not surprisingly, 20 percent of all agents also invest in real estate as another source of retirement income.

Know the law to claim home sale tax break

By Robert J. Bruss
TRIBUNE MEDIA SERVICES

Dear Bob: We lived in our house from 1969 to 1985 and rented it from 1992 to September 1998 when we moved back in. If we sell our house now, can we claim 50 percent of the \$250,000 principal residence sale tax exemption? Also, where can we find a copy of this tax break? — Jerry M.

Dear Jerry: Your county law library and most public libraries have a copy of Internal Revenue Code 121, which explains the \$250,000 (\$500,000 for married couples filing jointly) principal residence sale tax exemption. To qualify, you must have

owned and occupied the home an "aggregate" of two of the past five years before the sale.

Since your one-year occupancy does not yet qualify, despite your longtime ownership, you can claim a partial exemption if the reason for your sale is related to health or employment location transfer. If the reason for your home sale doesn't meet these tests, you can't qualify for even a 50 percent capital gain tax exemption. Please consult your tax advisor for details.

Should buyer have been told about 'aircraft alley'?

Dear Bob: We recently sold our house because it was located near a

freeway, and we were tired of the noise. We bought an expensive older home in what we thought was a quiet neighborhood. Now we realize our new home is under a thoroughfare for small aircraft.

Every five to 10 minutes from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., a small, noisy plane will buzz over our heads. The seller and her agent never disclosed this to us. We moved away from the freeway, bought an expensive home in a

quiet area and found out we're in an "aircraft alley." What recourse do we have? — Mark N.

Dear Mark: Home sellers and their agents are required to disclose to buyers known material defects in the property. One California appellate court decision said this even includes disclosures about noisy neighbors.

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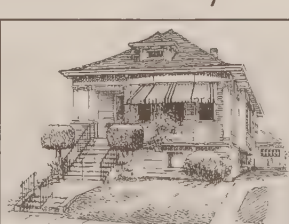
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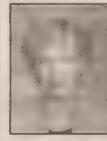
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Fannie Mae helps low-income buyers hit sub-prime

There's more good news from the Federal National Mortgage Association, lovingly known as Fannie Mae. The mortgage-market giant apparently is determined to help more low income consumers become homeowners.

Fannie Mae announced last week that it is relaxing its credit requirements for people with slightly impaired credit.

Until recently, to qualify for a Fannie Mae loan, which offers the lowest interest rates on conforming loans (the maximum loan amount for single family homes as of Oct. 1999, is \$240,000) a borrower needed a perfect credit history. Many consumers with a damaged credit history do not qualify for this lower cost conventional financing.

Mortgage Madness



By Karen Senzig

'Desktop underwriting' also speeds up the application process...

Under the new program, qualified borrowers will be able to get mortgages at interest rates as low as 2 percentage points below what would normally be called "sub prime" loans.

Fannie Mae also has taken a cue

from several leading portfolio lenders (lenders who hold onto and service the loans they make, such as Downey Savings and Loan and World Savings). The loan product has several names, but the most descriptive is the "Reward Advantage" program in which the interest rate is reduced by one percent when the borrowers make timely mortgage payments for 24 months.

How it works

For example, a borrower may qualify for a \$150,000 loan, amortized over 30 years initially at a 9.50 percent interest rate with a monthly principal and interest payment of \$1,261.28.

After 24 months without a delinquent payment, the interest rate

would be reduced to \$1,153.37 per month, automatically saving the borrower \$107.91 per month.

Fannie Mae says that, compared to an average rate of 11.50 percent for a sub-prime loan, even the start rate is a significant improvement for borrowers whose credit is just a notch below what their underwriting used to require.

Even more exciting is that Fannie Mae has brought the "Expanded Approval with Timely Payment Rewards" (its name for the program) to desktop underwriting, the electronic submission that allows for loan approvals in a matter of hours, instead of days and weeks that old submission processes required.

And, where sub-prime loans usually required down payments of 10

to 20 percent, the new purchase money loans that Fannie Mae is offering through participating lenders allows for as little as 3 percent down.

It seems that Fannie Mae is determined that more people experience the joys of Mortgage Madness.

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You're driving among neighbors

Please drive neighborly

Net-savvy appraisers go online to make most of comparables

What's the next big trend in selling the American home?

Real estate appraisers are betting that it's the pre-listing appraisal posted on the Web, offering a detailed property description, analysis of up to six "comparable" houses and professional valuation of the seller's property.

This system would provide prospective buyers hard appraisal data about a house up front, rather than later, when they go to apply for a mortgage.

Traditionally, professional real estate appraisers work for lenders, even though their fees are paid by home buyers. Lenders use their data — typically set out in a Fannie Mae-Freddie Mac Uniform Residential Appraisal Report (URAR) — to determine how much they can safely lend against a property.

But now appraisers see an entirely different focus for their rich lode of home valuation data: home sellers who want independent, professional guidance apart from realty agents on how to price their house to sell for the maximum amount within a specific period. Once the pre-listing appraisal is completed, it can then be turned into a marketing tool — posted on the Internet, either on a realty agent's Web site, or on specialized sites designed for pre-appraised houses.

Online help

The national trade organization that represents 20,000 licensed real estate appraisers — the Chicago-based Appraisal Institute — is developing a Web site called OLA.com that will offer such services early next year to sellers nationwide. (OLA stands for On-Line Appraisal.) A potential buyer, for instance, could visit the site and obtain more information on a listed house than is currently available anywhere.

Even the most popular Web sites for home shoppers — Realtor.com and HomeAdvisor.com — do not provide the wealth of physical and market data about individual properties that a professional URAR appraisal can supply.

That's because appraisals virtually never have been part of the marketing phase for houses. But in the Internet age, where smart consumers demand the richest possible information online — free and available for inspection any time of the day or night — professional appraisals online appear to be a natural.

Take the experience of John W. Ross, who recently sold his house in Denver to move to suburban Chicago, where he is now executive vice president of the Appraisal Institute. Most sellers, Ross and his wife interviewed numerous local Realtors before deciding to list with one. The vast majority of the Realtors, according to Ross, suggested he list the house in the \$187,000 to \$195,000 range.

Uncertain of where to price it, the Rosses decided to get a pre-listing appraisal — both to show to Realtors, and ultimately, to prospective purchasers.

After examining the property in detail and researching comparable houses in the area that had sold

The Nation's Housing

By Kenneth R. Harney

within the past few months, the appraiser suggested a listing price of \$205,000 if the Rosses wanted to sell within 60 days, and \$204,000 if they wanted to sell within 45 days.

The Rosses showed the appraisal to the Realtor they selected and listed the house for \$204,000. It sold quickly for "a little over \$201,000," according to Ross.

The appraiser's work "basically put as much as an extra \$14,000 in our pocket," says Ross. The cost of the pre-listing appraisal: \$325.

Under the Appraisal Institute's forthcoming OLA.com initiative, appraisers conducting pre-listing valuations will post them on the OLA.com Web site, hot-linking to any other sites the sellers or the Realtor cares to use. The OLA.com site will present the house through conventional and virtual-tour exterior and interior photography, and

will present the full URAR appraisal for all visitors to see.

The URAR contains virtually every scrap of information one needs to evaluate a house: square footage, room plans, lot description, property taxes and assessment, commentary about physical condition of all major features and structural items, plus detailed analysis of comparable houses sold in the immediate market area.

Extra pressure

After a national test involving about 300 appraisers starting the first week of November and lasting until March 2000, OLA.com will open its doors to all sellers, buyers, brokers and house-shoppers anywhere in the country.

The fact that the participating appraisers will know that their work will be on full public display — and available to critiques by state licensing regulators — should exert strong pressure to produce high-quality, accurate and defensible valuations, according to Ross.

A prototype appraisal Web site — run by the company that is design-

ing OLA.com, Red Planet LLC — is already online and can be visited at www.MFHB.com. The site carries the listings and URAR appraisals of Don Moore, an Appraisal Institute member in Wisconsin. Once the national OLA.com site is up and running early next spring, sellers will be able to order appraisals by Institute members, then direct buyers to check out their property in unprecedented detail.

Will buyers have to get new ap-

praisals when they apply for a mortgage? They shouldn't in many instances, thereby cutting their acquisition costs by \$300 to \$400, unless they choose to split the expense with the seller.

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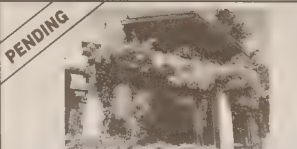
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IT ADDS UP

Were someone to make a \$1 million purchase in the most traditional manner, putting 20 percent down and financing the balance, at a rate of 8-1/8 percent they would pay \$5,940 per month in mortgage payments. Add \$1,250 for taxes and estimate \$250 for insurance, and you are looking at monthly housing costs in excess of \$7,400.

home last year but deemed it too small for her growing family, so she asked the developer for a customized, larger version. Her 4,600 square foot home on a 1/3-acre lot with panoramic views just closed for \$1.36 million, an all-cash transaction.

Agents put to test

While the commission checks for the few agents involved with such buyers have swelled, so too have expectations. What may seem a quick and simple transaction rarely is. Young, high-tech buyers are used to lightning-fast communication by e-mail, pager and cell phone. They're also used to working long and flexible hours. Agents must match their clients' energy, working style and schedules.

How'd they do that?

Bebe McCrae, an agent with Templeton Company, who has been involved in several million-dollar sales this year, points out another aspect of the changing demographics of the buyers: the disparity between the buyers and the sellers.

"Sellers tend to be older, and they cannot imagine people so young being able to pay so much, especially when they're buying what is often their first home," McCrae says.

"The sellers can be a little re-



JOHN SHYDER/STAFF

DETAILS of the \$1 million-plus home at 80 Vicente Dr. in Berkeley put the property in touch with its surroundings. The view is of the Berkeley hills.

sensual that these young people have so much starting out."

And indeed buyers appear to have a great deal going for them -- cash. Increasingly, buyers in this price range either are making substantial down payments, often 50 percent or more of purchase price, or are paying cash.

It's a tactic that may not only feel more comfortable to a new style of buyer, but may also give them a competitive edge in multiple offer situations. This is a fairly recent phenomenon, fueled in part by tremendous gains in the stock market as well as high salaries and stock options for young executives at Internet related companies.

'Funny money'

Elisa Jackson calls this the funny money syndrome. "A lot of this money is new to (buyers). Right now leaps of \$100,000 in price are ab-

solutely meaningless. It used to be that the difference between paying \$300,000 or \$400,000 for a home was enormous. Now huge leaps in price don't seem to have the same financial and psychological impact they once did," Jackson says.

Location, location, location

Templeton Co.'s McCrae sees another way the buying population is changing -- it's less local these days.

"Now we're getting buyers from all areas. As recently as three years ago, 90 percent of our buyers were coming within Berkeley and finally there's an appreciation from many other areas as well of all that Berkeley has to offer."

Sellers are eager to attract the growing pool of million-dollar buyers. Industry insiders say this is an especially opportune time to market a very large home or a home with a

spectacular view.

Hot stuff

From 1996 through 1998, 15 single-family residences sold through Realtors at \$1 million or more in Berkeley: one in 1996, three in 1997 and 11 in 1998. Year-to-date, 11 properties have been sold for at that price point.

There are at least two more properties pending with a high probability of a \$1 million sale price. Five properties listed at \$1 million or more are still available, plus four properties listed in the \$900,000s.

Architects make the grade

Shoppers this fall with budgets in the \$1 million range have had an unusually broad and diverse inventory from which to choose.

One of the features that distinguishes the Berkeley inventory from other locations is the impressive

MORE BANG FOR THE BUCK

So what would \$1 million have purchased recently in Berkeley?

■ The smallest home to sell at this benchmark price within the last few months measured just over 2,000 square feet. That represents nearly \$500 per square foot. But that metric is probably unfair, considering the setting. It is located on a half-acre lot in the Indian Rock area, and had been the original home of John Hinkel, whose namesake park it adjoins. This home sold this past July at exactly \$1 million, \$50,000 less than list price.

■ If you required a truly large home, you could have purchased a

five-bedroom, three-bath home designed in 1924 by Carr Johnson. It occupied more than 4,000 square feet and was nestled in beautiful gardens among more than a half-acre of land on one of the great north Berkeley streets, San Luis.

■ If you really wanted the bathrooms, kitchen and upper systems, your \$1 million (actually \$1.2 million) would have purchased a Mediterranean-style home with gorgeous views, also on San Luis. In Aug., 1998, this home sold as a fixer on a quarter acre lot for \$432,000. Restored and updated, now featured an engineered foundation, new kitchen and bathroom, newly created space below the main level.

The size of most of the \$1 million plus offerings remains impressive by Berkeley standards. A number of recent listings have been more than 4,000 square feet of living space, the largest occupying nearly 5,000 square feet.

Even more striking is the size of the lots. In a town where a 5,000 square foot lot is standard, the majority of these listings have lot sizes of a quarter acre, and two of the properties came with separate, potentially buildable parcels attached.

Compromises abound

But for the largest lot size, a one would need to search for a Berkeley address for El

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There you will find a Spanish hacienda set back off the Arlington on 2 1/2 acres.

But do not expect pristine conditions, or the latest updated amenities. Several properties have bathrooms that have suffered the "remuddling" of the 1960s — orange and yellow half-inch square tiles for example — while others have kitchens in dire need of updating.

One of the priciest listings currently available has torn linoleum in one bathroom, and a combination of chipped old tiles and aged Formica in the kitchen.

Berkeley funk

In fact, most of the recently available homes in this price range have a certain Berkeley funkiness factor. They would require updating by most modern standards and in the most expensive areas: bathrooms, kitchens and foundation systems.

And yet they have charm and character that we like to think of as unique to this city, reminiscent of an aging UC scholar in a tweed jacket with worn leather patches on the elbows, but still brilliant and charismatic.

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Lessons on the Bay Area, direct from the Swiss Alps

On my first visit to Switzerland, when I was studying art history at UC Berkeley, I was struck by how familiar the older wooden houses perched the Swiss hillside seemed. These original Swiss chalets looked almost identical to many of the wooden homes designed in the Bay Area at the turn of the century by such prominent Berkeley architects as Bernard Maybeck, Ernest Coxhead, Henry Gutterston and John Galen Howard.

The principal difference was that the Berkeley chalets were built mostly of redwood, a material entirely unavailable in Switzerland when most of its historic chalets were built.

Last month, I made another trip

Owning a Piece
of HistoryBy Mark
Wilson

There's no place
like home — or is
there?

to the Swiss Alps, visiting such picturesque and historic Alpine villages

as Pontrasina near the Bernina Pass and Zermatt at the base of the Matterhorn with new eyes.

This time I paid special attention to the state of historic preservation in Switzerland, with a view to writing some articles on how Swiss traditional chalet-style architecture has influenced house designs in the Bay Area, and what lessons we local preservationists can learn from the special experience of the Swiss.

Meet Bernard Maybeck

To understand how Swiss vernacular architecture has influenced Bay Area home design, we need to begin with the background of the man who was most responsible for bringing that type of residential de-

sign to Northern California: Bernard Maybeck. Maybeck was born in 1862 in New York City into a first-generation German immigrant family. His father had studied wood crafts and furniture design in Munich, a part of Germany close enough to the Alps to have a number of chalet-style houses and hotels.

As a young man, Maybeck studied as an apprentice to join his father's furniture-making business in New York. But this profession did not satisfy the creative urge in young Bernard, so his father agreed to let him study architecture at the Ecole des Beaux Arts in Paris. By the time Maybeck arrived in Paris in 1882, the Ecole was teaching classes almost exclusively in the neoclassic, Re-

naissance-Revival style of design.

Although Maybeck mastered the neoclassic Beaux Arts academic designs of his instructors, he was more inspired by the hand-crafted, wooden vernacular homes whose design roots went back to the Middle Ages. He saw many of these houses in France and Germany.

The late Jacomena Maybeck, Bernard's daughter-in-law, once showed me several pages of sketches Maybeck made of these chalet-style houses in his student notebooks.

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ALAMEDA

1414 5th St - \$210,000
733 Baywood Rd - \$360,000
1100 Ct St - \$364,500
1357 Ct St - \$450,000
410 Fairway Pl - \$269,500
1142 Fontana Dr - \$285,000
1812 Lafayette St - \$275,000
2821 Lincoln Av - \$412,000
1015 Mound St - \$430,000
230 Pacific Av - \$300,000
164 Purcell Dr - \$400,000
1359 Regent St - \$376,000
1043 Rosewood Wy - \$458,000
2819 Sea View Pk - \$500,000

ALBANY

1025 Cornell Av - \$292,000
926 Curtis St - \$349,000
426 Evelyn Av - \$256,000
612 Key Route Bl - \$381,000
1104 Ordway St - \$255,000
535 Pierce St #2115 - \$210,000
545 Pierce St #3201 - \$205,000
535 Pierce St #4409 - \$245,000
555 Pierce St #A396 - \$180,000
1260 Portland Av - \$360,000
923 Santa Fe Av - \$395,000
926 Santa Fe Av - \$552,000

BERKELEY

1416 5th St - \$250,000
1401 66th St - \$200,000
1412 8th St - \$215,000
1545 Acton St - \$244,000
2515 Ashby Av #4 - \$170,000
1737 Cedar St - \$432,500
1515 Cornell Av - \$450,000
2501 Dana St #4 - \$163,500
1909 Francisco St - \$449,000
1236 Kains Av - \$283,000
1066 Keith Av - \$550,000
88 Parnassus Rd - \$615,000
3032 Tremont St - \$164,000
55 Vicente Rd - \$1,259,000
1998 Ward St - \$300,000
2614 Warring St #10 - \$245,000
561 Woodmont Av - \$670,000

EL CERRITO

7150 Cutting Bl - \$375,000
2443 Edwards Av - \$360,000
6796 Glen Mawr Av - \$275,000
2122 Junction Av - \$250,000
6618 Lincoln Av - \$406,500
524 Richmond St - \$187,000
8901 Tr Dr - \$595,000

EL SOBRANTE

716 El Centro Rd - \$136,000
21 Holly Ln - \$300,000
1031 Manor Rd - \$299,000
19 Red Arrow Ct - \$257,000
696 Santa Maria Rd - \$182,000
5261 Sobrante Av - \$178,000
1032 St. Andrews Dr - \$150,000
4535 Whitecliff Wy - \$215,000

EMERYVILLE

5525 Beaudry St - \$135,000
1 Captain Dr #454 - \$103,000
6 Captain Dr #E228 - \$95,000
6363 Christie Av #1224 - \$205,000
6363 Christie Av #2917 - \$405,000
8 Commodore Dr #261 - \$146,000
4 Commodore Dr #D224 - \$150,000
1500 Park Av #435 - \$280,000

KENSINGTON

17 Arlington Av - \$479,500
320 Arlington Av - \$777,000

OAKLAND

2380 109th Av - \$176,500
1636 10th Av #B - \$250,000
218 29th St - \$158,000
930 36th St - \$110,000
697 39th St - \$135,000
2206 40th Av - \$145,000
2240 42nd Av - \$105,500
1728 55th Av - \$205,000
1061 65th St - \$325,000
1075 70th Av - \$98,000
2747 77th Av - \$167,000
2616 78th Av - \$125,000
2021 7th Av - \$201,000
2228 7th Av - \$90,000
1050 80th Av - \$102,000
1577 80th Av - \$80,000
1762 83rd Av - \$155,000
2363 83rd Av - \$96,000
1903 94th Av - \$144,500
2308 99th Av - \$125,000
1407 Allman St - \$195,000
1775 Auseon Av - \$114,000
5469 Boyd Av - \$536,000
2084 Braemar Rd - \$349,000
1795 Brandon St - \$283,000
3816 Brighton Av - \$390,000
6951 Broadway Tr - \$355,000
1099 Brookwood Rd - \$430,000
9025 Burr St - \$289,000
300 Caldecott Ln #315 - \$173,000
200 Caldecott Ln #55 - \$186,500
200 Caldecott Ln #63 - \$260,000
3421 California St - \$290,000
442 Catron Dr - \$130,000

On the average

ALAMEDA

TOTAL SALES: 14
LOWEST AMOUNT: \$210,000
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$500,000
MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$364,500
AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$363,571

ALBANY

TOTAL SALES: 12
LOWEST AMOUNT: \$180,000
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$552,000
MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$256,000
AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$306,667

BERKELEY

TOTAL SALES: 17
LOWEST AMOUNT: \$163,500
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$1,259,000
MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$250,000
AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$391,765

EL CERRITO

TOTAL SALES: 7
LOWEST AMOUNT: \$187,000
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$595,000
MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$275,000
AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$349,786

EL SOBRANTE

TOTAL SALES: 8
LOWEST AMOUNT: \$136,000
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$300,000
MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$182,000
AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$214,625

EMERYVILLE

TOTAL SALES: 8
LOWEST AMOUNT: \$95,000
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$405,000
MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$146,000

5981 Chaboly Tr - \$480,000
7761 Claremont Av - \$384,000
3208 Coolidge Av - \$104,000
3435 Coolidge Av - \$159,500
4027 Coolidge Av - \$285,000
5147 Crockett Pl - \$329,000
3004 Delaware St - \$107,500
2553 East 15th St - \$105,000
2114 East 23rd St - \$90,000
101 Echo Av - \$347,000
2000 Filbert St - \$200,000
5631 Florence Tr - \$380,000
3326 Florida St - \$210,000

AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$189,875

KENSINGTON

TOTAL SALES: 2
LOWEST AMOUNT: \$479,500
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$777,000
MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$0
AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$628,250

OAKLAND

TOTAL SALES: 89
LOWEST AMOUNT: \$80,000
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$540,000
MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$189,000
AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$227,135

PIEDMONT

TOTAL SALES: 1
LOWEST AMOUNT: \$299,000
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$299,000
MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$0
AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$299,000

RICHMOND

TOTAL SALES: 19
LOWEST AMOUNT: \$95,000
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$318,000
MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$162,500
AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$171,553

SAN LEANDRO

TOTAL SALES: 23
LOWEST AMOUNT: \$129,000
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$424,000
MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$224,000
AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$264,500

SAN LORENZO

TOTAL SALES: 5
LOWEST AMOUNT: \$191,500
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$258,000
MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$203,000
AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$217,700

6121 Foothill Bl - \$99,000
988 Franklin St #301-3 - \$198,000
4288 Fruitvale Av - \$348,000
3571 Galindo St - \$140,000
7808 Garfield Av - \$130,000
6323 Girvin Dr - \$306,000
3750 Harrison St #101-1 - \$169,000
4137 Kentwood Ct - \$185,000
5501 Laverne Av - \$98,000
3917 Lincoln Av - \$200,000
3220 MacArthur Bl - \$176,000
3024 Madeline St - \$242,000
1831 Manzanita Dr - \$495,000

3142 MLK Wy - \$167,500
4815 Melrose Av - \$125,000
505 Merritt Av #1 - \$150,000
3345 Monterey Bl - \$482,000
34 Montwood Wy - \$250,000
3240 Nicol St - \$145,000
6474 Oakwood Dr - \$389,000
2721 Park Bl - \$211,000
2401 Rampart St - \$167,000
79 Rio Vista Av - \$325,000
180 Rishell Dr - \$403,000
386 Santa Clara Av #102 - \$189,000
5614 Shattuck Av - \$210,000
8259 Skyline Cr - \$454,000
64 Sonia St - \$540,000
1638 Sunshine Ct - \$109,000
4265 Suter St - \$189,000
3101 Texas St - \$180,000
5646 Thornhill Dr - \$299,000
23 Town Sq - \$155,000
3965 Turnley Av - \$339,000
670 Vernon St #302 - \$220,000
5002 Webster St - \$373,000
7447 Weld St - \$176,000
10475 West Ct - \$117,500
3546 Willis Ct - \$306,000
3520 Wisconsin St - \$195,000
3932 Woodruff Av - \$310,000
811 York St #133 - \$98,000

PIEDMONT

277 Scenic Av - \$299,000

RICHMOND

453 17th St - \$260,000
433 26th St - \$162,500
901 31st St - \$190,000
418 35th St - \$145,000
642 38th St - \$199,000
2510 Andrade Av - \$107,000
1719 Bissell Av - \$103,000
2601 Brian Rd - \$215,000
1942 Bush Av - \$95,000
104 Commodore Dr - \$185,000
614 Commodore Dr - \$209,000
2430 Gaynor Av - \$127,500
3106 Maricopa Av - \$155,000
2845 May Rd - \$215,500
330 Pennsylvania Av - \$95,000
4880 San Pablo Dam Rd - \$318,000

2831 Wendell Av - \$163,000
421 Wilson Av - \$129,000
961 Yuba St - \$190,000

SAN LEANDRO

1735 14th St - \$243,500
13479 Aurora Dr #5 - \$243,500
14878 Bancroft Av - \$186,000
15489 Blue Heron Ct #113 - \$243,500
1697 Boxwood Av - \$243,500
2207 Buena Vista Av - \$196,000
1372 Carpenter St - \$183,500
2016 Constitution Ct - \$243,500
2019 Constitution Ct - \$243,500
15202 Discovery Rd - \$396,000
780 Dowling Bl - \$197,000
15491 Heron Dr #112 - \$243,500
15389 Heron Dr #96 - \$243,500
318 Melven Ct - \$215,000
16279 Miramar Pl - \$185,000
465 Nabor St - \$220,000
14982 Norton St - \$175,000
2365 Pacific Ct - \$243,500
2268 Snipe Ct #109 - \$229,000
1721 Thornton Pl - \$199,000
15205 Tradewinds Rd - \$243,500
13555 Wake Av - \$225,000
15335 Washington Av #12 - \$243,500

SAN LORENZO

16422 Peshel Ct - \$203,000
16049 Via Del Sol - \$243,500
886 Via Manzanitas - \$243,500
573 Via Mirabel - \$258,000
17375 Via San Ardo - \$191,000

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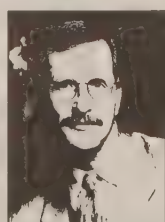
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roofs with wide overhanging eaves, and they usually have exposed roof beams or rafters tails under their eaves. The buildings generally are made of three stories, and their walls are made either of rounded logs, or wooden siding sheathed in clapboards or wood shingles.

Most chalets also have wooden porches along their upper stories, and are generally decorated with intricate cut out patterns carved into their railings.

When Maybeck returned to the United States with his architecture degree in 1887, he was eager to combine his knowledge of European, and American vernacular design with the skills in wood carving he had learned from his father.

After a brief and unsatisfying stint as a draftsman for a New York architectural firm, Bernard moved to the Bay Area in 1890. When he finally settled in Berkeley, he began his own practice designing homes for professionals along the new University of California, where he had obtained a position as a drafting instructor in 1894.

In the early years of his career, Maybeck referred to his own residential designs as "my Gothic houses." These homes really were variations on the wooden vernacular houses he had admired during his student travels in Europe.

Indeed, many of Maybeck's early residences were essentially redwood chalets placed in the East Bay Hills whose interiors were adapted to the current lifestyle needs of his clients.

Strictly speaking, there is nothing about Swiss chalet style architecture that is truly Gothic. The only link these buildings have to Gothic architecture is that they first appeared in the Alps at about the same time that Gothic cathedrals were being built in European cities, that is, during the 12th to the 15th centuries.

When Maybeck described his chalet style homes as "my Gothic houses," he was not referring to Gothic details such as pointed arches, high peaked gables, but rather to the Medieval origin of these homes. Here at home, the north Berkeley hills abound with fine examples of Swiss chalet style homes designed by famous Bay Area architects in the early 1900s.

Schneider-Kroeber House

Probably the best chalet style house Maybeck designed was the Schneider-Kroeber House, built in 1907 at 1325 Arch St. This magnificent redwood residence appears to have been airlifted from a Swiss mountainside.

Set high up on a terraced lot with stunning Bay view, this house was occupied for many years by professor Alfred Kroeber, one of the founders of the school of anthropology at the University of California. Kroeber Hall on the Berkeley campus bears this man's name.

Kroeber's wife, Theodora, who lived in the house until her death in the 1980s, chronicled her late husband's experiences with the last living native California Indian in her famous book *Ishi*, which was particularly written in this house.

Fred Wallace House

Across the street from the Schneider-Kroeber House is another superb chalet style home. The Fred Wallace House, built in 1905 at 1340 Arch St., blends a rich Craftsman style interior with classic chalet elements on its exterior, such as wooden, stencil-patterned balconies and wide overhanging eaves with exposed roof beams and heavy brackets underneath. It was designed by local architect John White.

Baxter home

A couple of blocks up the hill, at 1222 Bayview Place above Rose Street, is a chalet style home designed by Henry Guterson, a protégé of Bernard Maybeck. This lovely redwood house was built around 1924, just after the 1923 Berkeley fire that destroyed many hillside homes.

It features authentic-looking, colorful, European folk-style stenciled patterns along its exterior.

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Further into the north Berkeley hills, at 1705 La Loma Ave. at Virginia St., is a very unusual example of Swiss chalet style house. Designed for a man named Reese in 1905, it has hollow "dummy" log ends projecting out from its corners. The other features on this home are all functional. The architect was E.A. Hargreaves, an Englishman who worked for several years in Maybeck's office.

The home Maybeck designed for his son, Wallen Maybeck, was occupied until 1996 by the late Jacomena Maybeck. It stands at 2751 Buena Vista Way at Maybeck Twin Drive, and was built in 1933 to replace a Maybeck family home that burned in the 1923 Berkeley fire. It has some Swiss chalet elements, including wide overhanging eaves lined with barge boards and a long balcony across the front decorated with hand split staves.

Next week, we will explore the types of protections granted historic buildings in some of the most picturesque parts of Switzerland. We'll also look at examples of how the Swiss learned from experience that allowing the demolition of historic architecture can be very costly.

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some of the earliest examples of this housing form.

Ultimately, what co-housing offers is "old-fashioned ideas about neighborhood adapted for this crazy 21st-century lifestyle we live," said Kathryn McCamant, who co-wrote what's considered one of the bibles of the movement, "Co-Housing: A Contemporary Approach to Housing Ourselves."

That idea — building on the strength of a coherent community within the framework of individual living space — is what keeps the Peninsula Region Co-Housing (PERCH) group alive, said one of its founders, Stanford University network engineer Sunia Yang.

"Land and time are really scarce. Co-housing gives you the opportunity to have aspects of that by sharing," Yang said. "Instead of everyone in a townhouse complex with their yard that's 8-by-8, it's so much better to pool that all together. It's the perfect compromise."

Making decisions

In general, a core group forms to look for land, or an architect or a developer. Although some developers may see pre-sold clients as a boon, other aspects may be less so, McCamant said. In co-housing, residents play a role in the design and the development of a project, just as Mentor and his friends did.

They came together somewhat haphazardly — one friend introduc-

ing another until there were eight people who "bemoaned that even if you moved into a nice neighborhood or got your place in the country, it didn't really meet the need of having a sense that you knew other people around you well enough to trust them raising your kids and creating an environment of community," Mentor said.

They held together through a series of professional and personal moves and "knew that the sooner we did it, the better," he said. "Everybody really had to take a risk, wondering if it would work out. ... It was a big deal."

Finding a developer was a key step, Mentor said. "We were looking for someone who'd completed projects in Santa Cruz and who seemed to be interested in (this kind of) project." They found Rich Kelley of Woodside. He and the project manager they hired had to learn to work with a group used to consensus decision-making. This group grew from eight to 30, Mentor said. "But right away they saw we were practical and had a ton of experience and skills."

The finished project

The group ended up with a 3-acre lot with two buildable acres that now includes 10 single-family homes, six duplexes and a common house. Parking is kept outside the houses and the common green. About three dozen adults and two dozen children share the project. The private living spaces range in size from 1,200 to 2,600 square feet.

Yes, there was a process for residents who were added to the original group, Mentor said, "but it wasn't a process of deciding whether you could be on our kickball team."

Other Bay Area co-housing projects have been around long enough to mature beyond their first group of residents. Ken Norwood has lived at the Parker Street Cooperative in Berkeley for more than a decade, and now, as a dedicated planner, gives regular tours to show off the different types of co-housing that can be found in a day's journey.

The Parker Street project is an example of housing converted to the cause. In this case, it was apartment buildings modified to include garden strips, roof decks and a common

room. There is a waiting list, Norwood said, but "it keeps collapsing because nobody moves," he said. That's a bit of an exaggeration, he admits — about half a dozen people have come and gone in the 24 units in 10 years.

Pleasant Hill project

The touring process is what gave the planners of another new project, in Pleasant Hill, their perspective on what kind of development they wanted, said one of its founders, Ted Lynch.

He and his wife, both Silicon Valley technology professionals, are headed toward retirement and wanted to scale back. After looking at co-housing projects in Seattle, Portland, Davis and Chico, they decided to stick it out for a site near home.

After several years of searching, their group found a 2.2-acre site. It's a perfect setting: along one edge of the property is a bike path to a BART station. Fifteen households are planning 32 homes and a 4,000-square-foot common house that is one of the significant necessities in any co-housing project.

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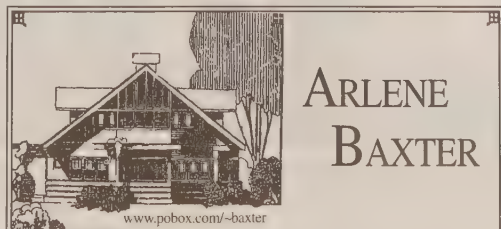
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Albany win is bittersweet

Cougars' second win is overshadowed by death of running back's father

By Scott Strain

A subdued and saddened Albany football team went out and defeated Alameda 12-10 for its second "official" victory of the season last Friday, and now faces its biggest test of the season this week when it plays at undefeated El Cerrito tonight at 7:30 p.m. The father of running back William Bennett died last week and the whole team was affected. Bennett went out and played (he was also slightly injured) and was one of the players instrumental in the win over the Hornets. The Cougars (2-3-1) have defeated St. Patrick and tied Encinal 6-6, although the Cougars won 12-6 in OT.

The Cougars got a break just four plays into the game when an Alameda player was late getting on the field on a punt attempt. Jonathan Ball took the ball and raced through the vacant spot for 76 yards and a touchdown to give Albany a 6-0 lead with 9:43 left in the first quarter.

Albany was also missing quarterback Tim Onweller, who is out indefinitely with a knee injury. It took some time for the team to adjust to Yaw Yiadom at quarterback, but he did manage to lead the team to victory.

"He's a new quarterback, and he is more experienced than the one we had

last week," coach Anthony Freeman said. "We finally got our offense moving, and I'm happy. In the last few weeks, we haven't had any offense and this week we finally got it going."

It took awhile, though. Albany ran only eight offensive plays in the first quarter, yet led 6-0. Late in the first quarter, Mike Estis fumbled at his own 26 and Alameda drove to the Albany 12, where it faced a fourth-and-goal. Quarterback Steve Paganos threw 10 yards to Dontay Simpson, but Albany's Keenan Moore knocked him out of bounds at the two and the Cougars took over.

"That might have been the play of the game," Freeman said.

On the next play, Ball was tackled in the end zone for a safety that cut the lead to 6-2 with 11:40 left in the second quarter. Just before the half ended, Albany had its first sustained drive of the game, moving 38 yards in 11 plays. It didn't lead to anything, but did prove that the Cougars could move the ball. Yiadom had a nice run for 15 yards and he also hit Ball for 14 and 7 yards on passes. Three penalties helped scuttle the drive.

When the third quarter began, Albany took the kickoff and moved from its own 37 to the Alameda 6. Ashante Dell fumbled, though, and Alameda recovered.



ALBANY'S JONATHAN BALL leaps forward to gain yards against Alameda's Kemp Moyer during the Cougars 12-10 win Friday. It was Albany's second win of the season.

The Hornets couldn't move however, and the Cougars took over at the Alameda 47. Bennett ran nine yards to the 35 and two plays later Yiadom threw a 35-yard touchdown pass to Ball for a 12-2 lead with 11:52 left in the fourth quarter.

"Our philosophy was, 'let's see if we can power them, run straight at them and use the clock,'" Freeman said. "Try to get

some first downs and win."

"We wanted to win for our coach and for Bill," Yiadom said after the game. "In the second half, we just started to run up the middle and hope that something would just break. It started working; the line started moving people. Those little tosses in the middle, that's just our base offense, that is what we do."

Alameda finally got on the board when Paganos threw five yards to David Ballerini with 6:45 left and Alex Rosko ran in the two-point conversion to cut the lead to 12-10, but Albany held on.

For the game, Yiadom completed 7 of 10 passes for 114 yards and one touchdown. Ball was the recipient of all the completions.



EL CERRITO'S DAVID ROSE scored two touchdowns for the Gauchos on the way to another big win over St. Mary's High Friday night in El Cerrito.

Gauchos rule

Win over St. Mary's gives EC clear path to league title

By Scott Strain

Joe McBride, David Rose, Jason Washington and Ricki Gatewood are the marquee names that garner most of the publicity for the undefeated El Cerrito football team. But it is fullback Okoryo Onyike that determines whether the Gauchos live or die.

Onyike didn't score in the pivotal 34-9 victory over St. Mary's last Friday night at El Cerrito, but he did supply the tough yards up the middle, exploiting the Panthers defense which was looking for the passes of McBride and the runs of Rose.

"He was the key," St. Mary's coach Dan Shaughnessy said. "We knew about the others, but if Onyike gets open, that team is hard to stop. We couldn't do it."

With the victory, there really isn't much in the way of El Cerrito (6-0, 4-0) finishing undefeated in the regular season. The Gauchos have defeated all the top contenders in the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League, downing De Anza

57-52 and Piedmont 22-20 as well as St. Mary's. "We have a pretty clear run," El Cerrito coach Frank Milo said.

The Gauchos had all their weapons working on Friday night. McBride threw touchdown passes of 39, 65 and 11 yards to Washington and Rose had scoring runs of 23 and 1 yards. But with the St. Mary's defense looking for the stars, Onyike ran right by the Panthers, carrying the ball 14 times for 161 yards. He now has 521 yards on 71 carries for a 7.3 average and has scored five touchdowns in ACCAL play so far.

After carrying just three times for 13 yards in the first half, Onyike got going in the second. He ran 19 yards on El Cerrito's second possession of the third quarter that put the ball on the St. Mary's 11. Two plays later, McBride hit Washington with an 11-yard scoring pass.

On the first play of the fourth quarter, Onyike went 52 yards on a draw that put the ball on the Panthers' 4. Three plays later, Rose went around end for 11 yards and a touchdown. On the last El Cerrito drive, which didn't yield a touchdown, Onyike went 45 yards to the St. Mary's 12 with seconds left in the game. The Gauchos, with the game well in hand, didn't score.

"I didn't think I'd be used that much," Onyike said. "I just thought I'd be a blocking back. They called my number

and it was, like, they couldn't tackle me. That's it. The line opened the holes for me and I went through. This was my best effort of the season."

St. Mary's running back Eddie Smith gained 140 yards on 19 carries, but the mobile El Cerrito defense was able to stop him from making the huge defense-breaking plays for which he is known. His longest run was a 28-yard scamper in the first quarter that led to a 20-yard field goal by Pat Barry which gave the Panthers a 3-0 lead.

On the next series, McBride threw 39 yards to Washington for a 6-3 lead and two series later, Michael Smith hit Connor Banks with a 70-yard bomb that gave the Panthers a 9-6 lead. One play after the kickoff, McBride hit Washington again for 65 yards and a 12-9 lead. St. Mary's never lead again.

Besides Onyike's efforts, Rose gained 131 yards on 21 carries and McBride completed six of 11 passes for 148 yards. Washington had five catches for 139 yards and those three touchdowns. El Cerrito outgained the Panthers in total yardage, 429 yards to 285.

"Too many weapons," Shaughnessy said.

Jackets get dressed down by Cowboys

By Mike McGreehan

Berkeley High School came up with two big plays — one defensive and one offensive — in the fourth quarter of last Friday night's East Bay Athletic League game at Livermore High.

For the Yellowjackets, though, the two plays weren't enough to offset what happened in the first three quarters as Livermore coasted to a 28-14 win.

"We just got an old fashioned butt-kicking, mainly because our kids weren't concentrating," said Berkeley coach Gary Weaver. "They were busy thinking about the way they dress. I had to spend 30

minutes before the game just to explain the dress code."

Berkeley players could have arrived at the game in top hats and tails and it might not have made a difference.

The Yellowjackets (1-3-1 overall, 1-1-1 EBAL) actually outgained the Cowboys 208-184 in total offense, though the numbers are deceiving. That's because 79 of those yards came on one play — a pass from Rashad Edwards to Greg Jefferson for the game's final score with 1:49 left.

Overall, the game was not a gem for the Yellowjackets. After rushing for 197 yards the previous week against Granada,

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Lady Panthers capture title

By Peter Mentor

Call 'em champions. St. Mary's High girls cross country has all but sewn up its first-ever Alameda Contra Athletic League championship after winning its second league meet in as many tries.

The Lady Panthers placed five runners among the top nine overall at second of three ACCAL super meets held Oct. 14 at Point Pinole Park to claim victory there.

The win gave St. Mary's two team points with one league meet remaining next Thursday at Tilden Park. Piedmont is in second place with four points after finishing second in both league meets this season.

The team with the lowest point total of the three meets wins the regular-season crown. Teams are awarded a point for their overall team finish in each meet

and with only two points the Lady Panthers would have to win for there to be even a tie.

That scenario is highly unlikely with the way the Lady Panthers are running. St. Mary's No. 1 runner Bridget Duffy claimed her first individual victory in a league race, running the gently rolling 2.9-mile course at Point Pinole in 18 minutes, 40 seconds.

"Bridget ran a great race," said St. Mary's girls coach Denis Mohun. "She was able to run her own race. She enjoys running on the flat immensely. After the first 300 meters her goal was to take it out and work the course."

In the first league race this season Duffy lost to Piedmont's No. 1 runner Mary Phelps by 14 seconds. This time Duffy opened a 100-meter lead after one mile and was 200 meters ahead after two

"The difference between last year and this year is they were learning how to run last year and this year they're learning how to race."

— St. Mary's coach Denis Mohun

miles. She finished over a minute faster than Phelps (19:45), who placed a distant second.

Alameda High's Sara Walker (20:09)

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El Cerrito volleyball can't take advantage of PHS gifts

By Scott Strain

PIEDMONT — It must be official policy that the El Cerrito girls volleyball team doesn't except gifts.

At least that's the way it looked last Thursday afternoon when Piedmont made every attempt to give its match to the Gauchos. The Highlanders wanted them to take it, implored them to take it.

Nope. The Gauchos would have

nothing to do with a victory, and dropped a 16-14, 15-12, 15-10 decision to the Highlanders, who are undefeated in the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League play with a n 8-0 record.

El Cerrito fell to a 3-4 mark in the ACCAL.

"We lost focus," El Cerrito coach Rod Lee said. "We couldn't finish them off in any set."

In every game, the Gauchos had

the lead. In every game they watched as that lead was eclipsed.

In the first game, the Gauchos were up 8-5 before the Highlanders managed to tie the match at 9-9. El Cerrito then went up 14-11 and was serving for game point, but Piedmont got the side out and scored the last five points to win it.

In the second game, the Gauchos had a 7-2 lead, only to see Piedmont storm back with nine straight points

to lead 11-7. The Gauchos scored the next five points to regain the lead at 12-11, but the Highlanders again came back with four straight points to win the game.

But wait - it got worse. The Gauchos quickly scored the first nine points in the third set and six of those came on various Piedmont errors.

Piedmont managed a sideout, Liz Wertz smashed in two kills and the Highlanders were off and running

again as El Cerrito's defense collapsed. Piedmont ran off the next 14 points, but it wasn't over yet.

The Gauchos scored on an ace at 14-10, then the Highlanders got a great block from Cory Hilton for the final point and the Gauchos were done.

"We talked about playing at higher level and we did for the most part," Lee said of his team's effort. "But the last five points of the game we lose focus and we're not able to

finish a team off. If I know pens, I'd be a millionaire. It wasn't a matter of being surprised at an overpowered team. The Gauchos figured out the knowledge. We knew what they had and we couldn't stop Lee. We just couldn't. Not even when Piedmont them to have the match.

St. Mary's volleyball falls short

By Scott Strain

ALAMEDA - The run for a spot in the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League playoffs is about over for the St. Mary's girls volleyball team.

The Panthers were swamped Tuesday afternoon by a hard-hitting Alameda team 15-3, 15-4, 15-4 in match that took a just a little over an hour to play.

The Hornets slammed home at least 10 service aces against the smaller St. Mary's team, which unfortunately caught the home team raring to make amends after a five-set win over a weak Richmond team on Monday.

"This is not very good for us," St. Mary's coach Trudy Hebert said about the loss. "I do not think we are going to make the playoffs."

Hebert had a feeling this match

would be a tough one, because her team had seen the Hornets before.

"We played them once before in the St. Elizabeth Tournament and we knew they had three outstanding players," said Hebert. "We knew what to expect from them and there were things we didn't have any control over. There were some things that we did very well for our team like blocking and getting our middle (players) up there. They are much bigger than we are and that makes a difference."

Alameda's Tyler Merrill and Kara McCafferty are two of the Hornets' bigger players and they were able to blast the ball over and past the smaller Panthers, who play more of a controlled strategic game.

That style didn't work this time around. The smaller St. Mary's players were simply overwhelmed, especially on the front line. The Hor-

nets weren't especially fast or quick, but they hit hard.

The Panthers took a 3-1 lead in the first game on a service point by Lizzie Quinn and two by Elisabeth Carr, but then Alameda scored 13 straight points. St. Mary's got two points before Alameda finished the game off.

In the second set the Hornets rushed off to a 7-0 lead and never looked back. Then in the third, the Panthers were behind only 4-3 before Alameda scored 11 of the next 12 points.

There were some bright spots for the Panthers, who dropped to 2-5 in the ACCAL; there just weren't enough of them. Kyra Hafez had three kills and Quinn had two. Hafez and Akliah Wilhite had two service aces apiece and Quinn had one. Azure'D Nunley had four blocks.

Jackets

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Berkeley could only manage 72 against Livermore's stout defense. To complicate matters, the Yellowjackets turned the ball over five times.

Livermore scored first after Berkeley lost the ball on its own 13. Three plays later is was 7-0.

The Cowboys' defense set up the game's next score in the second quarter. Berkeley quarterback Jason Washington went back to pass but had his throw tipped by a Livermore lineman. Nik McElley grabbed hold of the dying quail and returned the interception 37 yards for the touchdown and a 14-0 advantage.

In the second half Livermore moved the ball in a sustained fashion, driving down to the Berkeley 19. A quarterback sack brought the ball back to the 30, but Berkeley's good fortune wouldn't last. Two plays later, Ray Birdsong rambled 30 yards untouched on a draw play to put Livermore up by three touchdowns.

But Livermore wasn't finished. Late in the third quarter a 61-yard flea-flicker pass brought Livermore to the Berkeley 14. Berkeley's Louis Jordan temporarily saved the touchdown on a diving tackle.

Two plays later, Livermore ran untouched 12 yards into the end zone for a 28-0 lead.

With 8:33 left a pass under pressure resulted in an easy interception and runback for Berkeley's Reggie Johnson. The play covered 43 yards and put Berkeley on the scoreboard. Jamie Bloomsburgh booted the extra point to make the score 28-7.

After a Edwards-to-Jefferson touchdown pass gave Berkeley its second touchdown, the Yellowjackets did have one more play to put in their highlight reel.

Berkeley went for the onside kick. But instead of the usual squibber in the middle of the field, Bloomsburgh

pooched the ball high toward the left sideline where Ramone Reed used his height advantage to grab the ball for Berkeley at the Livermore 40. But the Yellowjackets couldn't take advantage.

"They did a superb job, they came to play," said Weaver. "These teams out in the valley are well coached."

Johnson led the Berkeley's ground game with 50 yards on 13 carries. Keith Stephens added 25 yards on five attempts. Edwards ran twice for 10 yards and David Williams had two attempts for 3. Livermore trapped Washington behind the line for a total of minus-16 yards.

Providing blocks for Jeremiah Newman, Manuel Gonzalez and

In the passing department, Livermore went 8-of-17 for 51 yards and two interceptions. Edwards completed 3 of 10 for 33 yards with no interceptions.

Jefferson led the Berkeley's receiving yardage with 41 catches. Edwards finished with 17 yards. Stephens had two balls for 10. Maurice 9-yard reception. Joey Williams and Charles West each had one reception apiece.

ATHLETES OF THE MONTH



Laura Jensen
Albany High - Volleyball

Laura Jensen is an instrumental part of the Albany volleyball team as an outside hitter and setter. The 5-11 senior has given the Cougars both her experience and skills this season as Albany is again undefeated in league on the way to a state title this season.



Eddie Smith
St. Mary's - Football

When Eddie Smith was a good thing happened. The good thing was that he was a 1,000 yards and 13 touchdowns. Bay leaders with 13 touchdowns. Smith averages 12 yards making him a potent running force. So does St. Mary's.

Athletes of the month, which will be published, the first Friday of each month, sponsored by Hills Newspapers & Triple Play USA (Indoor - Recreation) are solely responsible for the selection of the athletes. To nominate an athlete, send selections to Hills Sports, 338-4066, or e-mail <pmntor@ctclines.com>.

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Panthers

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and Corinne Roberts (20:19) placed third and fourth, respectively. Then it was all St. Mary's.

Crissy Chavez (20:38, 5th), Savaka Matsumoto (20:52, 6th) and Chelsea Torgersen-Bell (21:02, 7th) had a blanket finish, taking the next three places for the Lady Panthers.

"All three of them worked well," said Mohun of his middle runners. "With 400 meters to go the Piedmont and St. Joseph girls were right next to them. Crissy was chasing the Alameda girl and Savaka and Chelsea worked together."

The clincher

The clincher came when St. Mary's Flo Larkin (21:23) placed

10th overall and ninth among the scoring runners. That's because St. Joseph High's Caitlin Smith (21:11, 8th) ran on an incomplete team and Piedmont's Lauren Barbieri (21:18, 9th) was the only other runner in before Larkin.

"Flo passed three or four people," said Mohun, who has seen his team mature in just one year. "The difference between last year and this year is they were learning how to run last year and this year they're learning how to race."

Bria McClure (22:40, 19th), Catherine McMullarkey (24:28, 28th) and Ali Chesley (24:25, 31st) also ran for the Panthers.

"Bria has had some back soreness," said Mohun. "She's beginning to get back on track for us. We're hoping she'll be a factor in other races."

Goalball comes to Berkeley

Six of Northern California's top teams will compete in the Fifth Annual Goalball Tournament sponsored by the Bay Area Outreach and Recreation Program (BORG). This exciting team sport played by people with visual impairments. Saturday, Oct. 23, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the James Kenney Recreation Center, 8th and Virginia, Berkeley.

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Arts

Slam master

■ With anger as his ammo, Jamie Kennedy often wins the war of words
By Sara Steffens

PROFILE

■ WHO: Jamie Kennedy

■ WHAT: Vallejo's nationally ranked slam poet

■ WHERE TO SEE HIM: The next Berkeley Poetry Slam will feature a bout between Kennedy and Seeking, the slam master of San Francisco. The event, which will include a reading by Roger Bonair-Agard of New York, the nation's top-ranked slam poet, begins at 8:30 p.m., Oct. 27, at the Starry Plough, 3101 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. Admission is \$4. Call 510-841-2082.

■ FOR MORE INFORMATION: To learn more about Bay Area poetry slams, send e-mail to: sflams@nationalpoetry.org.



PUT UP YOUR METAPHORS: Kennedy competes in a poetry slam.

Waiting for his turn at the mike, Jamie Kennedy swings his arms like a baseball player warming up for bat. He tugs at his goatee, rubs his eyes and sips nervously from a pint glass of water. No beer before a poetry slam: He doesn't want his performance to get sloppy.

When Jamie's name is called, he strides onto the stage and demands a show of hands: Which poem? Everyone wants to hear "The Ten Goddamns," now a signature poem for him. So he pushes his hair out of his eyes, leans forward on the balls of his feet and begins by intoning regally:

The Ten Commandments may now be legally posted in high-school classrooms.

The rest comes out in one big breathless spitty rush:

They should post it up next to the Ten Most Wanted at the post office

cause it's got me going postal

Ever since Columbine high-schoolers now everything's a holy crusade,

"Save our children's souls"

Save me from propagandist bull ...

This isn't going to lead us out of our societal Egypt.

Last I heard religion and state had a restraining order against each other ...

Maniacally, he pokes out his hands. Face flaming, voice wavering from rumble to chant to scream, he looks as if he's trying to leap out of his skin. Sometimes, he sings:

Judas was a redhead,
I must be a descendant,
hell-bent to represent ...

The war of words known as the Berkeley Poetry Slam happens the last Wednesday of every month at the Starry Plough. The tavern does not draw the traditional literary crowd — there are skate-boarders and punk-rockers, misfits and beer

philosophers, students in threadbare T-shirts. A few have pierced eyebrows. One woman throws up on herself, looks surprised, and stumbles to the restroom to clean up.

Literary or not, they come for the poetry.

Let'er rip

On a shelf above the bar, among the dart trophies, you'll find the golden boxing glove, a trophy that the San Francisco slam team brought home from this summer's National Poetry Slam in Chicago.

Jamie was there, part of a power

pack of Bay Area poets who grabbed the top places in the annual competition. Poems were limited to three minutes, scored by judges chosen randomly from the audience. The scale is 1 to 10, with decimal points, like Olympic gymnastics. Five points are for content, five for performance.

In four days of competition, Jamie turned his throat into burned toast. "I tend to rip the doors off the hinges with my voice," he admits. "Essentially, it's like doing a one-man show, like a monologue in three minutes

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HOT SHEET!

■ The Berkeley Psychic Institute and Psychic Reader Newspaper presents a discussion at 2 p.m. on Sunday Oct. 24 in which Matt Debow and Kristin Miller talk about UFO phenomena and psychic training, respectively. Cost \$8-\$10. Call 510-644-1600.

■ UC-Berkeley's Lawrence Hall of Science features a discussion "A Peek Inside Pixar Animation Studios: Working the Magic of Computer Animation" at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 7.

EVENTS

Capacitor at Morgan Theater

Bay Area performance group Capacitor debuts "future species" Friday and Saturday, at 8 p.m., Oct. 22-23, bringing a complex range of talent and technology to the Julia Morgan Theater, 2640 College Ave.

"When pulleys, ropes, harnesses and glow-balls intertwine with dancers, aerialists, jugglers and musicians, an entirely different kind of expression emerges," says Jodi Lomask, choreographer and artistic director of Capacitor. "It is a style indigenous to the Bay Area, combining the optimism of San Francisco with the precision and drive of Silicon Valley." Capacitor focuses on the impact of new technology on the human body and soul.

Guest artists in "future species" include Carnival of Chaos, circus performance; Vainglorious, performance installation; Test, multi-image photographic projections with sound; and the UC Men's Chorus.

Tickets for "future species" and directions to the Julia Morgan Theater, are available on the Web at www.capacitor.org, at the theater box office, or by calling 510-84JULIA.



JULIA MORGAN THEATER in Berkeley presents "An Evening with Dylan Thomas," starring Kevin Reilly, at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 27. Admission: \$15 general, \$10 seniors and students. Call 415-487-7693.

Local Art Exhibit

The Gallery at Temescal Cafe announces its newest show "Oil Paintings with Collage by Audrey Brown Stone."

Images of the Bay Area, Los Angeles, the South of France, and Venice serve as beautifully painted stage sets for characters in the dreamlike, ambiguous, not-quite-narrative paintings by Audrey Brown Stone.

Her paintings are a mix of figurative and abstract, and are often based on recent events as interpreted in a personal manner.

Running mid-October through Dec. 15, the gallery is located at 4920 Telegraph Ave., Oakland. Hours are 7 a.m.-6 p.m., weekdays; 8 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturdays; 9 a.m.-6 p.m. on Sundays. For information, call 524-1737 or 595-4102.

Cabaret

Oakland Lyric Opera performers are serving Puccini and Rossini cabaret style, as an accompaniment to Italian cuisine and wine, 7:30-9 p.m. every Friday and Saturday night in October at Francesco's Restaurant, 8520 Pardee at Hegenberger Road in Oakland. Call 569-0653 for opera/dinner reservations in the lounge.

Exhibit

"Behold the Woman," a millennium celebration of miraculous Marian Images and their stories from around the world throughout the last 2,000 years.

Runs through Oct. 31, noon-4 p.m. Closed Monday and Friday. Free exhibit. Santa Fe Institute, 2320 Dana St. in Berkeley.

Call 843-2920 for information.

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'Fight Club' pummels society

By Karen Hershenson

"Fight Club" is madness: a movie so graphically violent and to-the-core cynical that many will be shocked.

But others will find it a cinematic bone to gnaw on for months to come. Director David Fincher, creator of such bold movies as "Seven," "The Game" and "Alien 3," takes our verge-of-the-millennium acquisition-obsessed society and rips into it without mercy.

There is nothing halfway about this movie, no festering wound not prodded with a red-hot probe. In that sense, it is wildly imaginative and remarkably brave.

A bizarre plot twist makes it less than perfect, but with blistering performances by Edward Norton and Brad Pitt, and a scathingly clever screenplay by first-timer Jim Uhls (based on Chuck Palahniuk's extreme novel), it is one of the more provocative movies to debut this fall.

Any discussion of "Fight Club" is going to focus on the violence. After a rash of school shootings, politicians — and much of the American public



EDWARD NORTON and Brad Pitt bring violence to a new level in the disturbing, but in many ways astonishing, "Fight Club."

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THE AUSTIN Lounge Lizards, seen here, will perform at 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. at Freight & Salvage in Berkeley on Sunday, Oct. 24. Freight & Salvage is located at 1111 Addison St. Cost \$14.50 to \$15.50.

'Story' misses a few vital tales

By Karen Hershenson

Those who have been married awhile will be looking to Rob Reiner's new crumbling-romance comedy, "The Story of Us," for insight. It's about a couple considering divorce, 15 years into the long haul.

Anyone who has ever ruined a rare date night by arguing about the credit card or given a toaster as an anniversary gift will be able to identify with the stresses these people face. It's a challenge making any relationship work, especially when you throw in kids, carpools, weekend sports, grocery shopping, ironing, cooking, cleaning, doctor's appointments and pet maintenance. Uh, you know what I mean.

Reiner depicts the awkward dinner-table exchanges and bedroom misunderstandings of a pair who have long since lost the magic of courting, and seem unable to replace it with something more enduring. They are at that point where that which attracted has now begun to grate.

There are revelatory flashes, especially Michelle Pfeiffer's full-throated emotional spew at the movie's end, but mostly Reiner is reflecting what

REVIEW

■ WHAT: "The Story of Us"

■ STARRING: Bruce Willis, Michelle Pfeiffer, Rob Reiner, Rita Wilson

■ RATING: R (language and brief sexuality)

■ RUNNING TIME: 1 hour, 32 minutes

■ WHERE: Jack London Cinema, UA Berkeley 7, UA Emeryway 10

■ GRADE: C+

we already know. For contrast, I kept thinking of Ingmar Bergman's 1973 film "Scenes From a Marriage," which is packed with painful truth. Granted, that was a drama and this isn't, but if you're going to go there, go all the way. Reiner's other relationship comedy, "When Harry Met Sally ...," was more successful at sneaking in wisdom with the chuckles.

Cast as this couple-in-crisis are

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BILL MANN
Media Notes

FYI instant messages

High-Tech Shorthand: As more of us get instant messages on our computers and visit chat rooms (ahem, financial ones, of course), the use of I.M. shorthand is becoming increasingly common to save time. (If you don't have a computer, skip the next few paragraphs).

Instant messages are also, like the inappropriate use of cell phones, becoming one of those modern annoyances: How many times have you found yourself trying to answer e-mail when someone's (usually unwanted) instant message keeps popping up on your monitor? Curses be to AOL, which popularized I.M.s. You may well know the most common I.M. terms: EYB (Be Right Back); LOL (Laughing Out Loud); FYI (self-explanatory); RTFM (I'm a hopeless, clueless geek); TX (Thanks); TTFN (Ta Ta For Now); BTW (By the Way); OTOH (On the Other Hand), and the all-important BOS (Boss Over Shoulder). New I.M. shorthand terms are always appearing — literally, popping up — especially in financial chat rooms like Motley Fool. Here are a few I've spotted lately:

SPAM— Stupid Person's Advertising Medium

INAB— I'm Not a Broker But...

WSWPU— That Joke Was as Bad as Rukeyser's

RUN-EMC— Rappers Popular in the Internet Data-Storage Industry.

YMMV— Your Mileage May Vary

NASCRAQ— My Broker's On Crack

Y2KKG— Y2K Extremist

BLSH— Buy Low, Sell High

RBOA— Raiders Blacked Out Again

Shep's Heard: With humorist Jean Shepherd's death this week at age 78, this country has lost one of its greatest humorists, a cultural and literary treasure Marshall McLuhan once accurately called him "The First Radio Novelist." Most of us knew Shepherd from his wonderful Playboy articles in the 60s — THOSE articles I did read — about his family in Hammond, Ind. (Remember The Old Man's favorite brew? A Iron City Beer). Even more know his wonderful, whimsical 1983 film, "A Christmas Story," almost certainly the best holiday movie ever made. (I still watch this little masterpiece every Christmas and never tire of it). I envy the New Yorkers who got to hear Shepherd's legendary radio show for 20-plus years on WOR in Gotham — I've been hearing about those funny, unscripted and colorful Shepherd narratives since my college days from New Yorkers.

I was furious when I first saw ABC's "The Wonder Years," a series I liked and eventually watched for years until its conclusion. Having a voice-over narrator (like Shepherd in "A Christmas Story") was nothing new. But ABC picked a narrator, actor Daniel Stern, who sounded exactly like Shepherd. It was an obvious rip-off of "Christmas Story" — stylistically, Shepherd's book, "In God We Trust, The Rest Pay Cash," is a humor classic, and a movie he did for PBS's "American Playhouse" about a family motoring vacation to Michigan he took as a lad, "Ollie Hopwood's Haven of Bliss," was one of the best pieces of humor writing I've ever seen on television. Shepherd also did a lovely homage to Hawaii called "Maui No Ka Oi," that, I believe, ran on PBS in the mid-70s. The talented Shepherd's writing always had an edge, even as gentle and as whimsical as it was. A lot of his radio shows, books and movies are still available at the most comprehensive Shepherd Web site, <http://www.advantix.net/~jsadur/shep.htm>. It's worth a look. Shepherd's impressive body of quality work — and is — one of the best antidotes against the coarsening of American popular culture.

Grownups Are Back!: That's the headline on TV Guide's cover this week showcasing ABC's hot new Tuesday-night drama, "Once and Again" starring handsome couple Sela Ward and Billy Campbell as just-divorced single yupster parents who've fallen in love. I like the series and have seen every episode, but it's starting to get on my nerves. Emails one Alameda reader:

"These two are acting like a couple of teen-agers. Get a room!" They need one, and badly: My objection is that these two seem never to have heard of locking a door. Is there anyone on the series who hasn't

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Fight

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— are blaming the entertainment industry for planting bad seeds in fertile young minds. And it's true, much of the violence in movies is gratuitous, thrown in to titillate, and attract the teen male demographic. Your gut instincts will tell you when that's going on.

But with "Fight Club," violence is the very point. The movie is acidic satire, presenting physical brutality as an antidote to modern alienation; a way to wade through a sea of Calvin Klein and DKNY and begin feeling again. Like "American Beauty," it depicts modern America as a soulless wasteland, with people turning to Swedish furniture and designer shoes to fill the hole.

"Martha Stewart is just polishing the brass on the Titanic," says one character. "It's all going down."

Edward Norton is the nameless Narrator, an insomnia-plagued corporate drone who finds comfort attending support groups for the seriously ill. But even that safe haven is ruined by another "tourist" named Marla Singer — Helena Bonham Carter in perpetually smeared eyeliner and tattered evening wear. They decide to split up the meetings: He'll take testicular cancer, she the fatal blood diseases. But this guy is headed for even deeper despair.

While on yet another business-class plane trip, he meets Tyler Durden (Pitt), a zero-tolerance soap salesman who splices porno frames into kiddy movies. After the Narrator finds himself homeless, they meet for a drunken evening, and begin punching each other for the catharsis. Soon other men are drawn to these pummeling circles, and Fight Clubs become a weekly ritual of blood, sweat and jeers, played out in the basement of a seedy bar.

It gets worse. The Narrator moves into Durden's collapsing home, with rusty water and instant-death electrical wiring. He starts showing up at work with blood-stained collars and bandaged wounds. He is on a quick slide toward rock-bottom.

Fincher's camera revels in this morbid milieu, zooming in on grunting bodies as fists split flesh, craniums slamming on the concrete floor. In one particularly harrowing scene, the audience must endure with Norton's character as chemicals burn into his hand, the skin oozing up like a grotesque pair of lips. It's hard watching abuse like this, even in the

REVIEW

■ **WHAT:** "Fight Club"

■ **STARRING:** Edward Norton, Brad Pitt, Helena Bonham Carter

■ **RATING:** R (disturbing and graphic depiction of violent and antisocial behavior, sexuality and language)

■ **RUNNING TIME:** 2 hours, 19 minutes

■ **WHERE:** Century Oakland 8, Grand Lake Theater, Jack London Cinema, UA Berkeley 7, UA Emerybay 10

name of edgy, late-20th-century cinema.

The actors have bought into "Fight Club" body and soul, and create a cozy parallel universe where everything comforting is bad, and everything dismal is good. Pitt revels in bashing his pretty-boy status with pumped up muscles and a wardrobe of anti-fashions. But he's a caricature in a way; Norton has the tougher task of showing us a man watching with detached amusement as he goes from mere boredom to complete anguish. Insanely, it is Bonham Carter's Marla who, for all her self-destructive tendencies, emerges as the sanest of the bunch.

The movie's biggest problem is its climatic gear switch a la "The Sixth Sense," handled with a cheap cinematic trick. After that, we're expected to buy into something that doesn't make much sense, and for me, it took a lot of wind out of the movie. Also troublesome was the way that the Fight Clubs evolve into an underground network bent on large-scale destruction. This seemed pat, compared to the rest of the movie's innovative craziness.

"Fight Club's" style is indisputable, and I can see twentysomethings embracing Tyler's shabby retro-chic, or Marla's trashed prom dresses. Fincher plays with such pop culture symbols as housewares mecca Ikea, and "planet Starbucks," which is always a healthy thing.

Whether there is wisdom to be gleaned from this movie is another, bigger question. Yes, it looks cool, and has amusing, even hilarious riffs on the absurdity of modern life. But by depicting intense violence, and taking it to ever-higher levels, Fincher is throwing back at society the very thing it decries. What do we do with that?

and Humidity Festival. I'll never forget walking into that place. Two things hit me: The stadium's air conditioning felt as great as it seemed incongruous; and even more oddly, all the seats were below you as you entered, something I'd never seen. The Astrodome, by the way, was much bigger than it appeared from the outside — the stadium was built largely underground. (Better insulation against that awful climate.) The Astrodome was a wondrous place when it was first built. I never thought I'd see the day it would be obsolete ... Want something unusual to listen to while you write e-mail? Punch up "APBOnline" at <http://www.apbonline.com/scanner> on your Web browser. It's oddly interesting, listening to live police scanners from New York, L.A., or San Francisco, etc. Most nights when I visit APBOnline, San Francisco's scanner, not surprisingly, offers more pure entertainment. For example, I had the S.F. scanner on no more than a minute the other night when I heard an SFPD dispatcher say, "Man with small child at Valencia and 15th. Please respond. Subject appears to have a bullwhip."

Questions? Comments? E-mail Bill at Newsman@aol.com.

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Bruce Willis and Pfeiffer, not two actors one would immediately connect, but hey, better than Harrison Ford and Kristin Scott Thomas in "Random Hearts." They are Ben and Katie Jordan, a textbook case of opposites attracting: She's the "designated driver" of the marriage, always making things work, and he's the whimsical idealist who can't keep wiper fluid in the car.

Battered by the details and too angry to communicate, they launch into a trial separation after sending the kids to a summer-long camp. Their "story of us" unfolds through flashbacks, when he was an aspiring writer (in a world-class bad hair extension) and she was a secretary, and he used to do goofy stuff like shower her with paper clips. Everything was rosy when the babies were born, but soon the drudgery of day-to-day life took its toll. Like many couples, their focus has shifted almost entirely to the children.

Hate to side with Ben on this one, but Katie is pretty whiny, always

Slam

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like a monologue in three minutes ... I was screaming and hooting and hollering and jumping around."

San Francisco's and San Jose's teams tied for first place. Team Oakland took third, and Jamie, a member, placed 11th individually. His frenzied reading style won specific mention in stories by the Chicago Tribune and the Associated Press; his face appeared in a photo on the Living Arts page of the New York Times.

Not bad for a 22-year-old Vallejo kid who's spent the past four years taking classes at Diablo Valley College, a place he refers to as "high school with cigarettes." In his short life, he's been asked to leave several creative writing classes — there and elsewhere — usually because other students find him so abrasive.

He admits he likes to push buttons, though he refers to it as "pushing the boundaries," or, in a more highbrow moment, "testing societal aesthetic limitations." Jamie has a T-shirt that identifies him as an "Official Member of the Piss and Moan About Everything Club," and that's a fair indicator of his personality, too.

Which brings us back to his rendition of "The Ten Goddammit:

Instead of paying the teachers what they deserve;

we serve the preachers in their condemnation of the whole nation —

But politics ain't gonna change ballistics. America's Schools are dying. Who's gonna be our salvation? Call me the Devil Diablo goateed pastor but after Armageddon there's no

happily — ever — after.

He pauses. And looks up. The audience cheers.

Beauty unleashed

The bout that follows the monthly slam pits two previous champions against one another.

Jamie knows if he wins tonight, he'll have to compete next time against the slam master of San Francisco, a hip high school English teacher who can start a poem with a reference to "Great Gatsby" and veer into a treatise on police brutality without losing a listener.

Jamie's opponent tonight is Bert Glick, a mild-mannered guy in a polo shirt who offers a sweet love poem, somehow reminiscent of Pablo Neruda: "She calls one breast proud, the other humble, and me crazy ..."

It's a gooey poem, maybe even beautiful. Still, three judges lift gold flags, giving the round to Jamie.

Next up, Bert again. Since love poetry doesn't seem to do much for the judges he tries another tactic, a piece making fun of federal marijuana eradication programs. He

through Nov. 5. A look at the life of Galileo.

"The Life Of Galileo" post-play discussions, Oct. 29 and Nov. 2.

Tickets: \$38-\$48.50. Tuesday and Friday, 8 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Saturday, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Oct. 21, Oct. 30 and Nov. 4, 8 p.m.; Oct. 28, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. 2025 Addison St., Berkeley. Call 510-845-4700.

Aurora Theatre

"The Glass Menagerie" by Tennessee Williams, ends Oct. 31. The story concerns a fragile family in the South, including a faded Southern Belle mother, a disillusioned son and a crippled daughter.

Tickets: \$25-\$28. Hours: Wednesday-Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Oct. 31, 2 p.m. Berkeley City Club, 2015 Durant Ave., Berkeley. Call 510-843-4822.

Ashkenaz

Tamazgha, Oct. 22, 9:30 p.m. \$9. West African Highlife Band, Oct. 23, 9:30 p.m. \$10. Rebecca Riots, Oct. 24, 8 p.m. \$10.

chants, "Over here, over there, and they won't go back until they've readied their machetes," and proclaims, "We have met the enemy, and the enemy is a plant."

The audience is clearly amused. They like Bert. He's funny.

Jamie, seeing the threat, counters with something weightier. "Vampiric Parasitic" is an ode to his baby daughter, Nadia, written in the second trimester of his girlfriend's pregnancy.

You are our beautiful vampire, our adored parasite.

You dictate your desires ... You thrash inside her, bruise and blacken her internally with your fists and feet.

The round goes to Bert, producing a tie.

The final confrontation

When Jamie takes the mike for the third time, he brings out his big gun, a new piece called "Stigmata." The poem is about sexual abuse and how it changes people. It is hard to listen to.

These hundreds and thousands of men walk free, and I wonder if my man remembers me. I have kept the monster of my memory behind bars ... But now I am a father, who would kill anyone who rapes his daughter ...

Fervent applause. His words spent, Jamie squats beside the stage, head bent into his arms, looking like

someone just punched him in the stomach.

Jamie says all his poems are confessional. "An exorcism," he calls them. He was a troubled kid who grew into a troubled young adult, in his words, "a manic, skinned-alive fellow." It took his girlfriend, Theresa, and the unexpected appearance of his daughter to make him see straight, he says.

Jamie has been writing as long as he can remember, but only started competing in poetry slams a year ago.

Has poetry made him happier? He doesn't know how to answer that one. It feels good to do well at something, he says finally. Especially to do well at a slam.

"Anybody can come off the street and give your poetry a score," he says. "If you don't speak to them, it means nothing ... You can bring anyone to a slam and they will get something out of it. You can't get up there and drone these sonnets because no one will buy it. You actually have to talk to them."

Several women come up after "Stigmata" to hug Jamie. Other rounds follow, but the poem has lassoed the judges' hearts. The emcee, Charles Ellik, presents Jamie with the night's top prize: \$20.

He grabs the crisp bill and holds it up for the audience, wearing a great big little-boy grin.

Leaning into the mike, he quips, "Art doesn't pay, huh?"

graph, Berkeley. Call 510-642-9988, or 510-762-BASS.

Judah L. Magnes Museum

■ "Still Here: The Jews of the Pale of Settlement," through Oct. 31. An exhibit of photographs by Peggy Myers illustrating the resurgence of Jewish identity in the western regions of Russia known as the Pale of Settlement, a wide territory from the Baltic to the Black Sea.

■ "Winning Photos: First Annual Richard Nagler Photography Competition of the Judah Magnes Museum," through Oct. 31. This juried exhibit features images by 15 photographers.

■ "Roots and Memory: A Portrait of the Last Moroccan Jews of the Atlas and Sahara," through Oct. 31. This exhibit presents a rare portrait of the little-known rural Jewish communities of the Atlas mountains and Saharan oases.

■ "Exploring the Elements of Art: A Hands-On Learning Exhibit on a Moroccan Theme," through Oct. 31.

Admission: Free, Sunday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Mann

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barged in on these two when they were hot and heavy? This storyline is getting stale. The ABC rookie series was originally slated to run six weeks and keep the "NYPD Blue" time spot warm, then return in January. But if ABC moves "Blue," TV's best and most acclaimed drama, to another night to keep the momentum of "Once and Again" going and, worse, moves "NYPD" to an earlier time slot (thus necessitating the softening of "Blue's" adult blue language), I wouldn't blame irate "Blue" producer Steven Bochco one bit if he folded his fine series. ABC is being incredibly short-sighted even THINKING about making such a move. "Once and Again" is a good show, but it is nowhere near the caliber of "Blue."

Friday Media Roundup: OK, the Raiders may be blacked out again Sunday on local TV, but at least Oakland's franchise looks like its best days are ahead of it, not the reverse — like SF's. To show you how far the Niners have fallen, Fox's play-by-play team on S.F.'s home game against Carolina last Sunday was **Ken Albert** and **Tim Green**. Not exactly Summerall and Madden, who once did a lot of Niners games. ... KQED-FM's thoughtful "Forum" host **Michael Krasny** got a nice plug in last Sunday's New York Times Review of Books. Writer **Adam Hochschild** mentioned Krasny, one of the few talk hosts who interviews fiction writers, as a "conversationalist well-read and intelligent beyond anything that could have been imagined before the 1980s."

Krasny passes along this literary note from Kate (No Relation) Clinton: GOP presidential dropout **Dan Quayle** has accepted a post as spokesperson for Cliff's Notes. Book 'em, Danno ... There's been a lot written about the demise of yet another old ball park, Detroit's venerable Tiger Stadium, last month. But two other stadiums (besides Candlestick) have also closed recently. This pair represented the second generation of baseball arenas, the Dome Era. I saw games in both: Seattle's Kingdome is indeed the ugliest stadium I ever saw, inside or out; it looked Soviet-designed. Having the majors' cheesiest organist didn't help, either. And I happened to be living in Houston the summer the Astrodome, the first domed stadium, opened. It was 1965, and Houston was celebrating its annual Oppressive Heat

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Calendar

Submissions to the Community Calendar must be received Thursdays one week prior to publication. Listings are on a space-available basis.

Classes

The YWCA offers free orientations of its Turning Point Career Center, 2600 Bancroft Way. The orientations outline the resources available to the public including a variety of workshops held Tuesdays, at 1:30 p.m. For additional information call 848-6370.

"Internet Resources for Consumer Health Information," classes on Fridays, Oct. 23 and Nov. 5 provide answers to health and medical questions. The sessions take place at Vista Community College, 2020 Milvia St., Rm. 203B. It is a .5 unit course and the fee is \$5.50. Call admissions and records for questions about registration. Enrollment is open until the day classes begin. Call Vista Library at 841-8860 ext. 279 for more information.

Ashkenaz, 1317 San Pablo Ave., offers many dances classes ranging from Afro-Cuban to Kalarjaji Dances of India, to West Coast Swing to Lindy Hop and East Coast Swing. The Ashkenaz is a non-profit music and dance community center. Call 525-5054 for additional information.

The Ecology Center, 2530 San Pablo Ave., offers a hands-on workshop for making a simple solar cooker using only sunlight as fuel. Learn basic solar principles and hear how solar cookers benefit people around the world. Cost is \$10 for non-members; \$7.50 for members, plus \$10 for materials. Call 548-2220 for more information and to sign up.

The YWCA offers free orientations of its Turning Point Career Center, 2600 Bancroft Way. The center offers a variety of workshops. Orientation is Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. For more information call 848-6370.

Berkeley Community Media presents classes covering camera techniques, movement, composition of shots, tempo, continuity, editing, sound influence. Screenings will include works of Godard, Wong Kar Wai, Spike Lee, and others.

This class is for anyone interested in film, video and the power of the media. Call 848-2288, ext. 810 for additional information.

"Learn Your Rights When Dealing with the Police," a free three-hour orientation teaches how to observe police and to help prevent police brutality. Copwatch is a grassroots, all-volunteer organization, which works to defend the rights of everyone under the law. For additional information, call 548-0425.

Life Stories/Collage and Ceramics classes forming at St. John's Senior Center, 2727 College Ave., Tuesday mornings 9 a.m. to noon. All are welcome. Free. Sponsored by Berkeley Adult School. Teachers are Diana Bohn and Judith Carroll. Call 845-5830 for additional information.

Contemporary Women's Issues class is forming at the North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst St. Free class offered by the Berkeley Adult School, taught by Judith Carroll. MFCC. Friday mornings 10 a.m. to noon. Open to all women 55 or older. Call 644-6107 for additional information.

Dance and Fitness Classes open to all in flamenco, Afro-Brazilian, bellydance, salsa, swing, ballroom, tap, theatre dance, yoga, chi gung, tai chi, aikido, pilates-based body conditioning and more at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. Drop in fees: \$8-10. Information: 848-6370.

Let's Swing and Jitterbug: 7 p.m. beginning classes, 8 p.m. intermediate; four-week dance classes beginning the first Tuesday of the month; Finnish Brotherhood Hall, 1970 Chestnut, Berkeley; Diana Castillo, 549-3591; \$40 for four classes.

Children

Kids and their adult companions can explore the University of California Botanical Garden with Docent Lois Paul the last Sunday of every month at 1 p.m. You will visit a section of the Garden that represents a different continent or foreign country, find out what's special about the plants that grow there, and then draw what you see. Call 643-2755 to reserve

your space.

The Buddy Club Children's Shows opens with its Halloween Magic Show, with award-winning Zappo the Magician, on Sunday Oct. 24 from 11 a.m. to noon at the Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave. Tickets: \$7, under 2 years free. Call 652-SHOW for tickets, party reservations and show information.

"Theater Rats," Julia Morgan's kid's theater camp program, offers swimming, singing, dancing, acting, and field games as some of its exciting activities. The camp is a two-week session for kids 6-14. Call 883-7023 for additional information.

Health

Charcot Marie Tooth (CMT) support group meets Saturdays bimonthly at West Berkeley Library, 1125 University Ave. from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. CMT is a neurological disorder. Call 524-3506 for additional information.

YWCA Health and Community Education: drop in classes in dance, fitness, yoga, martial arts and more; University YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way; 848-6370; \$8-10.

Community

The Women's Daytime Drop-In Center, hosts a Halloween benefit on Saturday, Oct. 23, from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Pyramid Alehouse and Brewery, 901 Gilman St. Costume up and bring the kids. Tickets are adults \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. \$5 for kids under 16.

The North Berkeley Merchants Association, presents "October Feast" on Sunday, Oct. 24 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Gourmet Ghetto, on Shattuck Avenue, between Cedar and Vine. Kids area: Vine Street, between Shattuck and Walnut. There will be food demonstrations, two stages for music, local merchant vendors, outside food, beverage and artist booths, an organic farmer's market, pumpkin patch and large kids area. Francis Ford Coppola pasta and sauces will be featured in a Francis Ford Coppola family recipe.

El Cerrito Royal, 6510 Gladys Ave., adja-

cent to the St. John's Community Center, invites children of all ages to enjoy a safe Halloween celebration on Oct. 31 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. The event features a petting zoo, apple-bobbing, storytelling, door-to-door trick or treating, clowns and scarecrows. Residents of the senior community will be wearing costumes and preparing bags of treats and balloons for all children attending. If you would like to join in the fun, call Sonja Givens at 234-5200.

Goalball Tournament: Northern California's top teams will compete in this exciting team sport played by people with visual impairments on Saturday, Oct. 23, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the James Kenney Recreation Center, 8th and Virginia. Admission is free. Call Jonathan Newman 849-4863 for additional information.

Overeaters Anonymous meet Fridays at 1:30 PM at the Northbrae Community Church in Berkeley, 941 The Alameda, between Solano and Marin Avenues, in Room 2—the childcare room—parents may bring their children. This organization is for individuals who eat compulsively? For further information, call Katharine at 525-5231.

Toastmasters, do it now. Stand up and say what you mean. Come practice Tuesday, noon to 1 p.m. at 700 Heinz Ave. Call 883-6708 for additional information.

Civil Rights activists needed. Write the ACLU chapter of Berkeley, Albany, Richmond, and Kensington. P.O. Box 11141, Berkeley, CA, 94701.

The City of El Cerrito is accepting job applications for 1999 Summer Employment, day camp and pool staff positions. Ages 15 plus (must have job permit if under 18) Ages 12+ for volunteers. Applications may be picked up at the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Mooser Lane, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For information call 215-4370.

"Work Buddies": volunteers needed to perform volunteer work with people in early stage Alzheimer's Disease. Minimum six-month commitment, two to three hours per week. Training provided. Contact Nannette Lipton, 644-8292.

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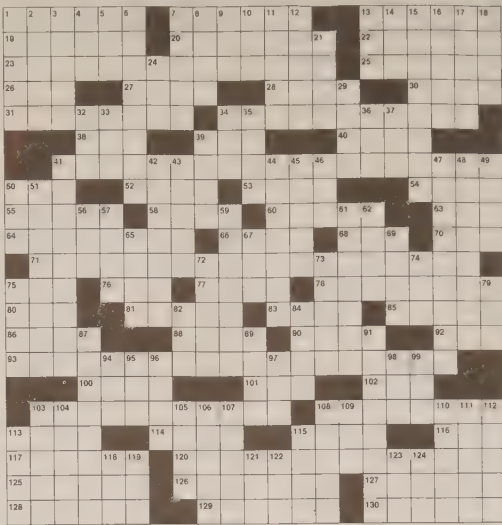
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Exhibits

An exhibition of exquisite Indian miniature paintings dating from the fifteenth to early twentieth centuries, presented by UC-Berkeley Art Museum and Pacific Film Archive, continues through Nov. 28. Guided tours of the exhibition is offered by UC-Berkeley graduate students on Thursdays at 12:15 p.m. and Sundays at 3 p.m. For further information on these or any other museum programs, call 642-0808.

"Window to the Unconscious: Surreal Art at the Close of the 20th Century," an exhibit of paintings, watercolors, and small objects from the collection of Margaret Alafi continues at the Gallery of the Center for Psychological Studies, 1398 Solano Ave., Albany, through Oct. 29. Included in this mixed-media exhibit are the works of Evelyn Glaubman, Solomon Fagan and Jon Larson. Gallery hours: Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information call the center at 524-0291.

Halloween and Fall Calligraphy Art by local artist Carla Tenret and students is on display at Eunice Cafe, 1162 Solano Ave., Albany. Tenret, a well-known Bay Area calligrapher, has taught calligraphy at Albany Adult School for 20 years. Works by her students are watercolor, rubber stamped, collage and even sewn.

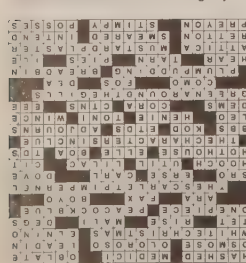
ACCI Gallery, 1652 Shattuck Ave., continues its "The Teapot Event" exhibition through Oct. 30 featuring ACCI members and guest artists: Bonnie Boller, Diana Crain, Daina Heisters, Willie Hulce, Lynn Landor, Steve Salisian. ACCI Gallery hours are Tuesday-Thursday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m.-7 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. Call 843-2527 for additional information.

"An Artist Family" Thiele Seidenberg exhibit runs through Nov. 9 at 2018 Addison St. Window Gallery, Berkeley Ca. Sponsored by the Berkeley Civic Arts commission.

The Photolab Gallery continues its exhibit of lithochrome color prints at the Photolab Gallery, 2235 Fifth St., by photographer Bruce Yost through Oct. 25. The free exhibit is open to the public. Gallery hours are 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Saturday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and closed on Sunday. For additional information call 644-1400.

"Behold the Woman," a millennium celebration of miraculous Marian Images and their stories from around the world throughout the last two thousand years, continues through Oct. 31. The free exhibit takes place at Santa Fe Institute, 2320 Dana St. Call 543-2920 for additional information.

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Karen Cornell and Byron Spicer on exhibit at the Berkeley Art Center, 1275 Walnut St., through Oct. 30. For additional information call 644-6893.

The Current Gallery at the Crucible presents "Akin to Skin," welded steel and kinetic rubber works by Nancy Mintz through Oct. 23. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, noon to 10 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Closed most Fridays. For additional information call 843-5511.

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Hikes: Names On The Land at **Tilden Nature Area** with leader Alan Kaplan on Sun., Oct. 24 from 10am to 12:30pm for ages 10+ years. What does Berkeley really mean? What is Los Angeles' full name? Who was Orinda? Learn their stories on a hike up to Wildcat Peak to view bay, hills and valleys. This is the (almost)

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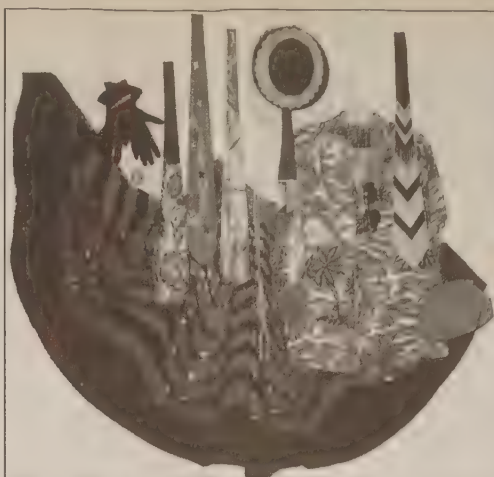
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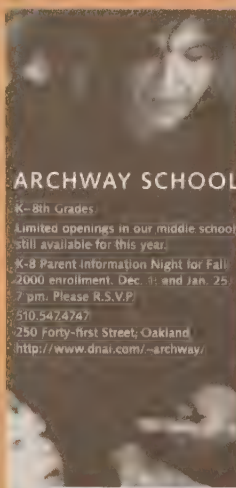


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visit the web site at BerkeleyPotters.com.
University Lutheran Chapel, 2425 College Avenue, hosts an exhibition of paintings by the artist Jeffrey Sully, through Oct. 23. Hours are Monday to Thursday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information call 843-6230.

UC-Berkeley Art Museum and Pacific Film Archive presents the latest exhibition in the Matrix Program for Contemporary Art: Tobias Rehberger/Matrix/180 Sunny-side up, through Nov. 14. Rehberger is a conceptual artist from Germany. The exhibit will be his first one-person museum exhibition in North America. Call 642-2250 for additional information.

The Claremont Gallery, 2907 Claremont Ave., presents "Southwest Passages" through Oct. 31. Call 848-9300 for additional information.

Alta Bates Medical Center presents work by members of the California Watercolor Association at its Community Art Gallery, 2450 Ashby Ave., Berkeley. The gallery is in the main corridor to the left of the information desk and main entrance. Call 204-4444 for additional information.

Roots and Memory: A Portrait of the Last Moroccan Jews of the Atlas and Sahara continues through Oct. 31 at the Judah Magnes Museum, 2911 Russell St. For additional information call 549-6950.

"Still Here: The Jews of the Pale of Settlement," — A photographic exhibition by Peggy Myers is on view through Oct. 31 at the Judah Magnes Museum, 2911 Russell St. For additional information call 620-6772.

New Pieces Gallery presents a list of artists for the year 1999. Located on Solano Avenue, New Pieces is the only gallery which shows quilts and soft cloth sculptures and dolls exclusively. The gallery is open during store business hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. except major holidays. Details: 527-6779.

Literary Events

Open Poetry Reading, Richard Silberg, editor of Poetry Flash hosts an Open Poetry Reading on Friday, Oct. 22, 7:30 p.m. at the First Congregational Church of Berkeley. Dana between Channing and Durant. The event is a part of the Poetry and the Sacred Series. Suggested donation: \$5. Call 848-7024 for additional information.

information

The Reading Edge is available for public use at the Berkeley Public Library, 2121 Alston Way. This computer scans printed text and reads it back aloud with a synthesized voice. It's available for anyone with a disability that requires its use to access print material. Users must complete a brief training session before using the Reading Edge; after that, reservations are needed. Call the Reference Desk at 644-6648 to set up a training session.

"Daily Word" readers: Study Unity principles at Temescal Library, 5205 Telegraph, Wednesdays noon to 1 p.m. Contact Anne Allen, 843-5611.

Meetings

The City Commons Club meets in the Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant Ave., every Friday. Social hour begins at 11:15 a.m. in the Venetian Room. Luncheon served at 11:45 to 12:15 p.m. \$10.75 or \$12.25. Speaker starts promptly at 12:30 p.m. Admission \$1 with coffee. Student admission free. Call 848-3533 for speaker information or to make reservations if you are bringing more than one guest.

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Take Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS) meets every Thursday evening at the First Baptist Church, Richmond, on Solano below Arlington. Call Betty Coates 235-0490 for more information.

Joy of Yiddish: Yiddish conversation at 1 p.m. at the North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst. Call 644-6107 for additional information.

The Berkeley Communicators Toastmasters Club meet on the first and third Wednesday of the month from 7:15 to 8:30 a.m. at the Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant. Details: 524-3765.

The Berkeley Arthritis Support and Education Group meets on the second Tuesday of each month (except December) 1 to 2:30 p.m. in the Maffei Auditorium, Herrick Campus, 2001 Dwight Way, Dr. Brian Kaye, a rheumatologist, has treated many patients with various types of arthritis and will be available for questions. For additional information call 204-4503.

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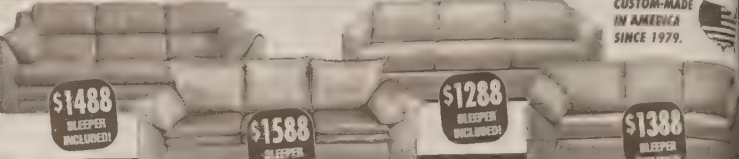
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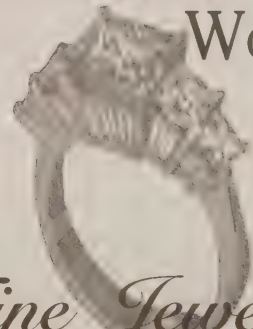
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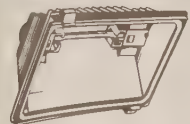
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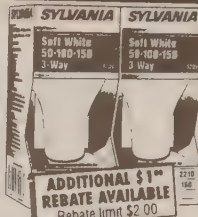
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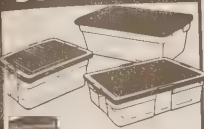
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Robert Hansen — leader of the band

Robert Hansen says he never was terribly talented in playing any instrument. Yet he is known in the area as a consummate musician and teacher of music. And he has been teaching since the age of 13.

Hansen is best known, locally, for his involvement with the Golden Gate Park Band. He played with the band for 26 years, and then conducted it for 27 years. He retired from it only recently.

He joined the Golden Gate Park Band rather casually. While enjoying his life as a teacher, he decided he would like to take lessons. There was a famous teacher of brass instruments in San Francisco, and Hansen went to study with him. After awhile, the teacher asked Hansen if he would be interested in playing with the park band. Hansen said "sure."

He joined the band on July 4, 1948, and retired from it last June 29.

During our interview he admitted, "I don't like band music, I like orchestras. Twenty-seven years conducting one of the most famous bands in the world, and I don't like band music. But I did it, and I put my heart and my soul into it."

But there are many other facets of his musical life we must investigate.

Robert Hansen was born in Alameda, raised in Oakland, and went to school in Berkeley. He graduated from UC-Berkeley, and boasts, happily, that all four of his children also were Berkeley grads, and all in music.

He may not have been "terribly talented" on his instruments, but, as noted, he started playing professionally and giving music lessons at the age of 13, in Oakland. His success as a teacher is proven by his students, some of whom have played in some of the major symphony orchestras of the world, in rock groups and in bars and grills. Some are professors of music; lots of them have told him that music brought something extra to their lives.

"I have had students in the San Francisco Symphony, in New York, in Vienna. One was a founding member of the Grateful Dead, and another a founding member of the (band) Santana." And he adds, wryly, "I have attended one rock concert."

And how was he able to start playing and teaching at 13?

"I guess I studied with good teachers," he said. "I praise Allah and thank God all the time that I found something that I loved to do and could do well. That people I did it for loved me and loved what I did for them, parents especially, and were willing to reimburse me for it."

Hansen muses: "I have retired from four things. I retired from teaching when my wife died, retired from the Army after 35 years and five months, and retired from the Golden Gate Park Band after 53 years." That's three things? Well, the retirement from teaching was No. 2: teaching at schools and colleges, and teaching privately.

Interestingly, his Army service did not include music. He was drafted into the infantry in World War II, despite having failed the physical twice.

"After the second physical they erased the problems I had and inducted me anyway," he said. During the following years in active service and in reserves, he had between 50 and 100 physical exams "and never passed one."

He was an infantryman in France, in Germany, and crossed the Rhine. He became a colonel with over 20 medals and decorations, and he was wounded twice. "I got hit more times than that, but they were not bad enough to

Community Folk

By Clara-Rae Genser

Robert Hansen joined the Golden Gate Park Band on July 4, 1948, and retired from it last June 29, but he nonetheless admits, "I don't like band music, I like orchestras."

During his long career, he notes, he enjoyed teaching classes, but loved the one-on-one teaching of private students. He taught at Merritt College and at Holy Names. He taught music theory, music history, conducting, brass and woodwinds. He greatly enjoyed teaching music appreciation, because "you can make that a fascinating subject." He remembers that one of the things that made him popular in the Golden Gate Park Band was that he taught tidbits about the composers or the music (such as Greig being 4 feet tall and being called "The Troll"). And he adds, "A good teacher makes his subject live."

He also started a small orchestra in Kensington, on Saturday mornings, which was "wildly successful." They played for all sorts of community affairs. In fact, he became active in the Improvement Club and joined the board and his family lived in a Kensington home that he had built himself. It had all sorts of amenities, including a swimming pool. He only left it when his children objected to his living there with his second wife.

At the end of the interview, Hansen started reminiscing about vaudevillians he had played for, or conducted for during the years, in theaters in San Francisco. He mentioned Jack Benny and George Jessel, and chuckled as he remembered their humor. Jessel, he says, was never offstage. He was funny off as well as on.

Robert Hansen has enjoyed a distinguished and most gratifying career, and he is pleased that he is remembered for it. He has had stories written about him in the Kensington Outlook and in the S.F. Chronicle. He is delighted that this is one more. So am I.

Thank you to Barbara Lynch for the wonderful suggestion for this column.

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A 49 year resident of El Cerrito. Aged 88 years.

A member of Trinity Evangelical Free Church of El Cerrito and The International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers Union of Oakland.

A memorial service was held on Monday, October 18, 1999 at Ellis Olson Mortuary, Albany, CA. Committal services were private.

Contributions in his memory may be made to the Richmond Rescue Mission or Trinity Evangelical Free Church of El Cerrito.

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Infiniti I30 merges luxury, performance

By Arnold
and Marion Wechter
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Most entry-level luxury cars offer more luxury than performance, but Infiniti's new I30 offers quite a bit of both.

The new model includes a near 20 percent increase in horsepower, and a refined rear suspension which add to the car's sportiness. For five consecutive years, Ward's Auto World has named the engine as one of the 10 best engines. The 2000 model I30 is even better - 37 horses better for a total of 227 plus additional 12 ft/lbs of torque.

The combination of increased power and excellent ride and handling brought words of praise from our co-author and better half. "It is a great car - and it not only performs well, but it is luxurious in appearance and comfort," Marion said after her first drive.

Upgrades to its suspension system include thicker anti-roll bars front and rear, and new geometry for its rear "multi-link beam" suspension.

We agreed with Marion that the car offered a neat package of performance and handling, but we thought it a tad less nimble than some of its competitors.

The 2000 I30 has gained 259 pounds over its predecessor. Something has to give when you hike the overall length by



INFINITI'S new I30 makes a confident statement, though it strikes this reviewer as less nimble than its competition.

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Drive, She Said



By Denise
McLuggage

"As other cars joined the line we took on the look of a long and tortuous freight train."

Yes, you have to let people pass

In Taos, N.M., they call it "The Washam Gas Rule." The owner of the Washam company tells his truck drivers, "Never mind groaning about it, if more than four cars are behind you pull over and let 'em by. Drivers who're mad at you aren't going to buy our gasoline."

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Sophisticated equipment puts owner's manual to the test

Most of today's car designers and engineers are making sure that driver seats offer the greatest comfort and safety, and that those knobs and switches on the dashboard are user-friendly.

In the automotive industry, attention to such detail is called "ergonomics." But what about that owner's manual? Is it just as user-friendly? When you want to find out how the HomeLink transceiver or the anti-lock brake system operates, do you figure out the instructions? The only reason some new car buyers open up their owner's manuals is to check out how the audio system works, but there's far more information than that.

Fortunately, behind-the-scenes writers of owner's manuals have pro-

Down the Road

By Jill Amadio

gressed way beyond the literal translations of Japanese, Korean, and German languages that confused buyers years ago.

Today, manufacturers are anxious to explain how to use all the high-tech gadgetry. One of the main reasons is customer satisfaction. Who needs new car buyers bringing back their cars because they can't figure out how to do an automatic program search on the CD player?

But another prime reason is the increasing sophistication of the equipment.

Aside from the Mercedes-Benz 2000 S-Class owner's manual, which is exceptionally fat and practically

requires its own bookcase rather than a glove compartment, most standard manuals are easy to read and understand. Granted, they've grown in thickness due to the addition of equipment such as airbags and are joined by other reading materials, but most manuals are now encased in neat leather or plastic covers that keep everything in one place.

The tables of contents cover everything from how anti-lock brake systems work, to how to replace a windshield wiper.

A case in point is the Nissan Maxima SE's comprehensive package of an Owner's Manual, Warranty and Maintenance Log booklet, Limited Warranty Information, and a single plastic-coated instruction sheet for the car's electronically-operated garage-door opener code. Instructions are highly detailed and accompanied

by graphics. The Do-It-Yourself section includes maintenance checks and how to replace spark plugs and batteries, as well as how to replace each light bulb, whether it's in the trunk, on the roof, over the license plate, in front or rear headlights, or inside the vanity mirror.

Believe it or not, cars can have 20 inside and outside lights. Learning to replace them yourself can save money, as well as trips to the dealership or repair shop. Missing, of course, is any kind of work on your vehicle's electronics, which definitely calls for a trip to an expert.

Reading your owner's manual from cover-to-cover can help even the least mechanically-minded owner understand the workings of a car. Much of the advice is exceptionally useful.

For instance, the Maxima's manual explains that the car has disc-

type brakes that self-adjust each time the pedal is applied, and advises how to check the brake booster function, how to recognize brake pad wear, and how to check the brake pedal function itself.

When cleaning the rear interior window, the manual shows how to carefully remove the high-mounted stop light first to be able to reach the glass easier. Another tip: with the advent of electronic equipment all over the car, owners are admonished never to hose down the interior floor.

Various warnings are sprinkled throughout the owner's manual, cautioning, for instance, not to keep the starter motor engaged for more than ten seconds when getting a jump start from a booster cable, or not to try to push-start an automatic transmission model because it could cause damage to the transmission.

The Nissan Maxima's Warranty Information and Maintenance Log booklet has 60 or so pages filled with details of the warranty coverage, the limited warranty coverage, charts to let you know when to schedule the various checkups, tire warranties, safety suggestions, and a few blank memo pages for notes.

A separate supplement to the booklet provides information about the Lemon Law in each state, and how to contact Nissan's Consumer Affairs Department.

All in all, today's owners' manuals are comprehensive packages that keep you extremely well-informed about your vehicle.

Accurate second opinion could put car's wandering days to rest

Dear Doctor: I purchased a 1992 Chevrolet Caprice with the 5.7-liter engine with 157,000 miles. It was used as a state police cruiser. The car wanders side-to-side at highway speeds. The shop replaced the center link, checked the front end, and checked the front wheel bearings. They aligned the front end, and adjusted the steering box. What would cause this problem? Ron

Dear Ron: The first step is to get second opinion on both the alignment and condition of the front end. Everything checks out, the tire tread could be following the brand infections in the road. A tire brand change and tread change may take care of the problem.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1996 Dodge Stratus 16-valve 2.4-liter engine. The owner's manual calls for 4.5 quarts of oil with the filter. When I change oil and filter however, the dipstick indicates the engine is 1/2 quart low. The Chrysler dealer said to add the 1/2 quart of oil. A mechanic that works in a GM dealership says he has the problem often. Help! Dan

Dear Dan: I see this same problem often as well. I sometimes will mark the dipstick full level after I have put in the proper amount of oil. I would not want to overfill the crankcase. Put in the right amount.

All the Auto Doc

By Junior Damato

Dear Doctor: Recently, I purchased a 1988 Volkswagen Cabriolet that the owner said had a blown engine. We towed it home, cleaned the car inside and out. We replaced the battery and the engine started right up. There is a lot of white smoke coming out of the tail pipe. What would cause the smoke? Jesse

Dear Jesse: If the smoke is white and dissipates quickly, the most common problem is a faulty head or head gasket. If the white smoke lingers for a long time, there could be a piston or ring problem. This job may be too big for you to handle and you may want to seek a professional technician.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1997 Nissan Altima with 33,000 miles. After being driven for a while, then parked, it is difficult to start. If it sits for an hour, the engine will start right up. I am going to the dealer next week to get this problem repaired. Do you have any suggestions? Gordon

Dear Gordon: The shop will first check the computer for trouble codes. Next, they will hook up a fuel pressure and spark tester. They may

let the car run at the shop and/or road test it. Once the engine is hot, they will shut it off and watch the fuel pressure, to make sure it doesn't drop off. Finally, they will restart the engine while checking both fuel pressure and spark. If both are at factory specs, a check of the fuel injector pulse duration will be needed. There could also be carbon buildup in the combustion chamber.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1995 Oldsmobile Cutlass Supreme with the 3.1-liter V6 engine and 67,000 miles on the odometer. For as long as I can remember, it has always been harder to shift into gear in cold weather. As the car and day warm up, the shifter moves easier. Is this a problem to be concerned over? Ron

Dear Ron: On cold days all plastic and rubber harden up, as well as the oil in the crank case (synthetic excluded). The shift linkage is insulated by plastic bushings. These will stiffen up when cold. I suggest leaving the car at the shop for the evening. The next morning, let the technician actually see and feel the shifter with you present. You may have a normal condition. This is the only way to find out.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1991 Lincoln Town Car, with all options including a digital dash. On a recent trip I

turned off the engine to gas up on the highway. When I restarted the engine, the digital dash, air conditioning, and power window did not work. I had to keep driving in 104 degree heat. I stopped at the next gas station to fill up again. When I restarted the car, everything was back working. What could have happened? Edward

Dear Edward: It sounds like either the ignition key was not fully back in the run position, or a poor connection at the ignition switch. Either way, both should be checked, especially the ignition switch. Ford did have a recall on some years and models for ignition switch problems.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1997 Saturn SL1 automatic transmission which I purchased three years ago. My complaint is poor power; the tachometer does not go beyond 3000 rpm. It normally reads under 2000 rpm. I have been back to the dealer and they said the car is fine. Can you help? Evan

Dear Evan: The first thing to do is test-drive another Saturn SL1 of the same year if possible. I recently spent a week in a new Saturn and it

had plenty of power. You can also let the salesman take the car for a test ride for another opinion. Then you have the local repair shop; ask them if they are familiar with the Saturn line. The automatic transmission is greatly improved on the 1999 model.

Dear Doctor: I have a problem with my 1986 Honda Prelude with automatic transmission with 145,000 miles. Between 1000 and 3000 rpm the engine seems to be shaking or misfiring as if one cylinder is not working. I removed one plug wire at a time and each one made the engine idle rougher. The car gets 30 mpg and runs fine at 3500 to 4000 rpm. I have done a complete major tune-up, had a computer check, checked the fuel injectors and checked all vacuum hoses for leaks. To date I have spent \$700 to try and correct the problem. Can you help? Karl

Dear Karl: Before any parts are ever replaced for whatever reason, a performance test needs to be performed. A rough idle, especially in gear, indicates one or more cylinders not contributing as much as the others. This can be caused by a vacuum

leak, from a hose or EGR valve or an internal engine problem. Honda does list technical service bulletin No. HSN 787-03 referring to faulty or partly blocked fuel injectors and they do not recommend cleaning them. They suggest replacement with a good set for testing.

Dear Mary: Both dealers did the correct service adding dye to the air conditioning charge. If no visible leaks are seen, the next step is to look into the evaporator case or pull the evaporator case apart to look for the leak. I have replaced many evaporators on GM vehicles. With the use of a fluorescent light the leak will easily be seen.

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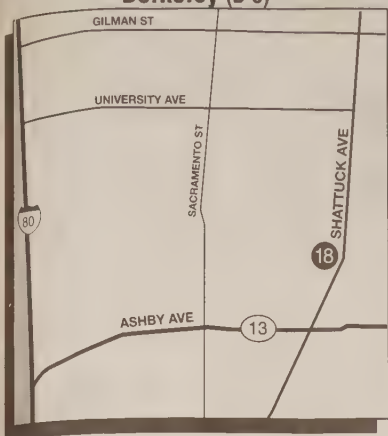
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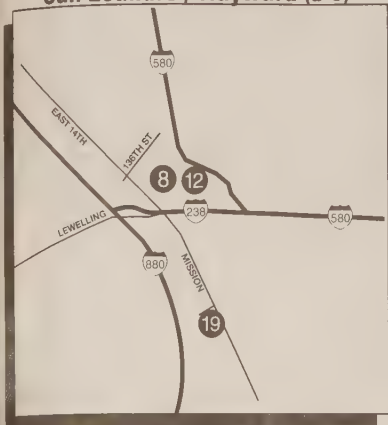
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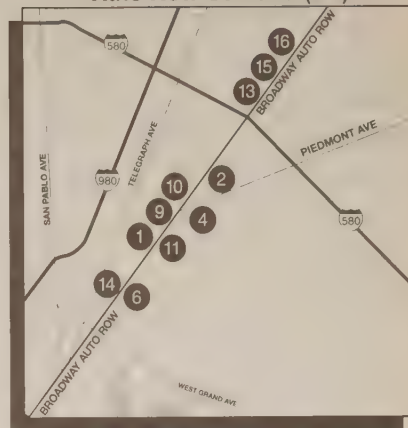
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- 1 (3 ounce) package Oriental or chicken flavor ramen-style soup
- 4 green onions, sliced
- 1 tablespoon fresh grated ginger or 1 teaspoon ground ginger
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tablespoon soy sauce
- 1 teaspoon rice wine vinegar
- 1/2 teaspoon sesame oil

Drain and chunk salmon, removing skin and bones. Bring water to boil in large saucepan. Add stir-fry mix, cook 3 minutes. Break ramen noodles into 4 pieces, stir into water. Add onions, ginger, garlic, soy sauce, rice wine vinegar, sesame oil and ramen seasoning packet; simmer 3 minutes. Stir salmon into soup; heat through. Serve immediately.

Serves: 4.

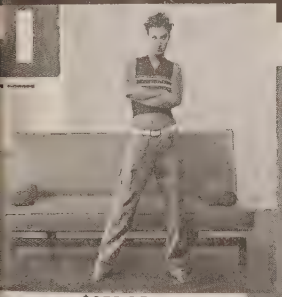
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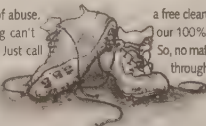


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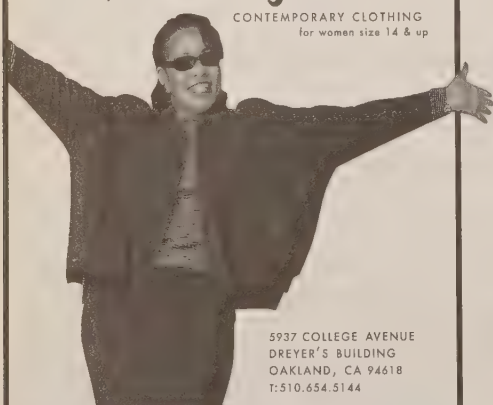
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- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1/4-1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1 tablespoon prepared mustard
- 1 pound thinly sliced pork
- 1 tablespoon oil
- 1 package (16 oz.) Birds Eye Farm Fresh Mix of Broccoli, Carrots and Water Chestnuts
- 2 tablespoons water



QUICK MEALS created with Birds Eye Frozen Vegetables can please even the pickiest eater.

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Serves: 4.

CHICKEN VEGETABLE CASSEROLE

1 package (8 oz.) spaghetti, cooked and drained
2 cups diced cooked chicken
1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese

1 can (10-3/4 oz.) cream of mushroom soup
1 teaspoon lemon pepper
2 boxes (20 oz. each) Birds Eye Asparagus
Spears, cooked and drained
Additional grated Parmesan cheese

In large mixing bowl, combine spaghetti, chicken, cheese, soup and lemon pepper. Spread evenly on the bottom of a greased 9x13-inch pan. Arrange asparagus spears over spaghetti mixture. Bake in 350° oven for 15-20 minutes or until hot.

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Julia and Jacques - 'Cooking at Home'

Culinary "legend" teams up with Jacques Pepin for new show on PBS

By Samantha Critchell
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NEW YORK — To some, she is a culinary legend. To others, she is a television pioneer. But Julia Child sees herself as "a good home cook."

"Once you know the basics, you can do anything," Child said modestly. "All you need is the desire. And the hungrier you are, the better you will be."

At 87, Child continues to churn out cooking advice with the same gusto she had when her first cookbook, "Mastering the Art of French Cooking," was published in 1961. She has written nine more since then.

In 1963, Child launched a PBS series, "The French Chef." She filmed 200 episodes of that series and has starred in at least five others over the past four decades. Now Child and Jacques Pepin have teamed up for the new PBS show, "Julia and Jacques: Cooking at Home," and its companion cookbook, published by Alfred A. Knopf (\$40).

Child said she appreciates her success — even if it was somewhat unexpected.

"I didn't plan anything out. Things happened, which is nice. I think if you plan it out, it won't happen. I'm happy things turned out the way they did. I've had a good time all the time and it's been great fun."

"I'm so glad I'm in this business. You go to the best restaurants and meet the finest people. Maybe if I was in the funeral director business or real estate, it wouldn't nearly be as much fun."

Cooking still presents challenges. Child said. She recalled eating a strawberry souffle at Manhattan's La Grenouille restaurant that she successfully reproduced on television. At home, in her own kitchen, it was a different story. She tried 28 times before getting it right.

On their new show, Child and Pepin are both perfectionists, but they don't always agree, which is the



COOKING LEGEND Julia Childs has a new show and a new co-host.

show's recipe for success.

"We had differing opinions. Of course my opinions were right. He's just a macho Frenchman," Child joked.

The series was filmed in the kitchen of Child's home in Cambridge, Mass. When she is there cooking for herself, Child might enjoy a dinner of plain roast chicken, salad and a baked potato "with plenty of butter on it."

And she always eats an egg for breakfast.

Guests often find themselves eating hamburgers in the kitchen.

"I always liked to ask people to my house first so they'd see we're simple people and not be intimidated. Whatever I was testing out that week is what my guests would get," Child

said.

On this typically busy day, she is rushing from a Manhattan hotel to a limousine that will whisk her to the Food Network's studio for a taping of "Emeril Live" with chef Emeril Lagasse.

Her first stop is the studio's main kitchen, much to the delight of the young chefs who are chopping and slicing in preparation for the show. On the set, the audience gives her several standing ovations. After the show, Lagasse can't hide his enthusiasm.

"This is probably the most fantastic television cooking experience of my life. To have this legend that I watched and learned from in the '60s up there with me — it was incredible," Lagasse gushed.

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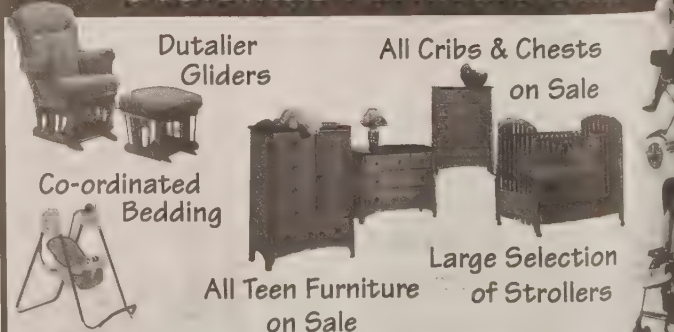
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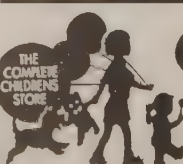
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Vegan restaurateur dishes out professional tips in new cookbook

Author hopes chefs and home cooks will turn to his book for alternative recipes

By Linda Giuca
THE HARTFORD COURANT

Ken Bergeron doesn't like to get his cookbooks dirty. He has a respect that borders on reverence for the printed pages and photographs in a cooking guide.

"I never cook from cookbooks," says the chef who prepares India-Style Flatbread from a computer printout taped to a cabinet door in his tidy kitchen.

But he's hoping restaurant chefs and home cooks alike will turn his book, "Professional Vegetarian Cooking" (John Wiley, \$44.95), into a dog-eared, food-spattered necessity in their kitchens. Bergeron, who lives outside Hartford, Conn., spent three years writing and testing the 200-plus recipes in his book.

Because the recipes contain no animal products, including dairy and eggs (Bergeron has been vegan for about 15 years), he added a chapter on ingredients, both common and uncommon. Foods such as miso, tempeh, soy milk and alternative sweeteners such as barley malt syrup and brown sugar are available in natural-foods stores but may be unfamiliar to cooks who haven't chosen the vegan route.

Bergeron finds that most restaurant chefs today are "more sophisticated in general" about vegetarian cooking, but "there is still a need for a book like mine that gives them new ideas for items they can put on the menu."

"There seems to be a demand" for dairy-free and egg-free dishes, he says. "What chefs have said to me is, 'We know how to cook eggs and cheese. We need ideas for vegetable-based dishes.'"

Many restaurant kitchens have a head chef and chefs in training, and the book "had to be understandable to them all," he says.

For that reason, Bergeron says the "professional" title shouldn't frighten off home cooks. "It's useful for culinary students, but it's also useful for the home cook as a valuable reference and recipe guide," he says.

In some respects, restaurant chefs experience some of the same constraints as home cooks. "I realized that there were some similarities, like having a certain amount of time to cook and meeting deadlines," he says. "Home cooks don't want extra work, just like restaurant chefs."

Most recipes yield about 10 servings, which may seem like a lot for a home cook. "A soup recipe makes 10 one-cup servings as a first course or one two cups for a main course," says Bergeron, who is now editing a cookbook for the North American Vegetarian Society. "So if a family of four eats two cups for a meal, that's four cups left over that can either go into the freezer or become lunch the next day."

"Originally our ancestors didn't eat cooked foods, although as a chef who cooks, that's kind of scary."

Ken Bergeron

As the former owner of a vegetarian restaurant and now a consultant, Bergeron has seen all kinds of vegetarians. There are vegans; others who eat no meat but have not given up dairy products or eggs; and macrobiotic followers who may or may not be completely vegan, he says.

Probably the newest wrinkle in the vegetarian category is raw foods. "That's another challenge," he says of the plan that eschews anything processed or cooked. "Originally our ancestors didn't eat cooked foods, although as a chef who cooks, that's kind of scary."

The following recipes are reprinted from "Professional Vegetarian Cooking."

Bergeron likes both the flavor and appearance of this vinaigrette made with white balsamic vinegar. "It doesn't leave the dressing looking as muddy" as red balsamic, he says.

WHITE BALSAMIC MISO VINAIGRETTE

2 teaspoons spicy brown prepared mustard
¼ cup white balsamic vinegar
3 tablespoons white miso
Pinch ground black pepper
¼ cup olive oil
6 tablespoons apple juice
1 tablespoon minced fresh tarragon or fresh parsley
Whisk together the mustard, vinegar, miso and pepper. Whisk in olive oil, then the apple juice and tarragon. Makes 1 cup.

This nut pate has become one of Bergeron's signature recipes. He serves it as a spread for India-Style Flatbread.

VEGETABLE WALNUT AND PECAN PATE

½ cup each: medium diced onions, medium diced carrots, medium diced celery
1 tablespoon olive oil
1 tablespoon minced ginger root
1 teaspoon minced garlic
½ cup diced scallions
2 teaspoons red wine vinegar

1 tablespoon each: soy sauce, Dijon-style mustard
1 teaspoon salt and pinch of ground black pepper
8 to 10 drops liquid smoke, hickory flavor
½ teaspoon toasted sesame oil
2 tablespoons soy margarine
2/3 cup each: toasted walnuts, toasted pecans
¼ cup vegetable stock

Saute the onions, carrots and celery in olive oil over medium heat for 5 minutes. Add the ginger, garlic and scallions and saute for 5 minutes. Reduce heat to low and add the remaining ingredients except stock to the pan and saute for 5 minutes.

Place sauteed ingredients in a food processor. Deglaze the pan with the vegetable stock and pour into the food processor. Process the mixture to a smooth pate. Chill before serving. Note: To toast the nuts, put in one layer on a sheet pan and bake at 350 degrees for 4 to 5 minutes. Stir and check after 3 minutes to keep nuts from burning at the edges.

This pasta salad makes an interesting summer dish.

BOW-TIE PASTA SALAD

1 pound bow-tie pasta, uncooked
2 cups sun-dried tomatoes
1 cup boiling water
½ teaspoon garlic, crushed
¼ cup chopped fresh oregano
¼ cup chopped fresh basil
1 cup marinated artichoke hearts
¾ cup marinade from artichokes
2 tablespoons capers
½ cup sliced green olives
1½ cups thinly sliced fresh anise (fennel)
1 tablespoon white wine vinegar
3 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
½ teaspoon salt
1 pinch ground black pepper
Bring a pot of water to boil for the pasta. Put sun-dried tomatoes in a small bowl and add the 1 cup boiling water. Cover tightly with plastic wrap and set aside to soften. Add the pasta to the boiling water and salt, if desired. Combine remaining ingredients.

When the pasta is cooked, drain and cool under running water. Drain well, then mix with the remaining ingredients, including the chopped softened tomatoes and any liquid not absorbed by them. Serve at room temperature or chilled. Serves 10.

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Pumpkin-Pecan Cheesecake is delectable trap for the sweet-toothed in us all

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The cook may drape a sinister "spider's web" of icing over this Pumpkin-Pecan Cheesecake, and put nasty, nutty "spiders" on guard. But it would take a lot more than that to scare sweet-toothed Halloween tricksters away from this treat.

The cake is guaranteed to please kids and grownups alike, with its creamy texture and gently spiced flavor. It's easy to make, too. You can prepare it as one 9-inch cake or as 12 individual cakes.

PUMPKIN-PECAN CHEESECAKE

(Preparation time 20 minutes, cooking time for crust 10 minutes)

Crust:
 ¾ cup finely chopped pecans, toasted
 ¼ cup graham cracker crumbs
 ¼ cup sugar
 1/3 cup butter, melted
Pumpkin mixture:
 2 envelopes unflavored gelatin
 1/3 cup water
 Two 8-ounce packages cream cheese, softened

1 cup sugar
 ½ teaspoon cinnamon
 ½ teaspoon nutmeg
 ½ teaspoon allspice
 2½ cups canned or cooked pumpkin
 2 cups whipping cream, whipped

Decorations (optional):
 Pecan halves
 Black cake decorating gel
 Red licorice whips
 For 9-inch cheesecake
 To make crust: Combine pecans, graham cracker crumbs, sugar and melted butter. Press onto bottom of 9-inch springform pan. Bake at 325 F for 10 minutes. Let cool.

To make pumpkin mixture: Soften gelatin in water; stir over

low heat until dissolved. Combine cream, cheese and sugar; mix at medium speed until well blended. Add cinnamon, nutmeg, allspice and pumpkin; mix at medium speed until blended. Gradually add gelatin to cream cheese mixture and mix until blended. Chill cream cheese mixture until slightly thickened, about 20 minutes. Fold in whipped cream; pour over crust. Chill until firm.

Decorating suggestions: For "spider web," use cake-decorating piping gel to draw concentric circles on surface of cheesecake. Take paring knife and draw lines from center of cake outward, as if drawing spokes of a wheel. The gel will drag slightly, creating an illusion of movement.

For "spiders": Use pecan halves as spider bodies, attach small pieces of black or red licorice as legs. Place on top of cheesecake.

Makes 8 servings.
 Nutritional information per serving: 750 cal, 58 g fat, 51 g carbs, 10 g pro.

For individual cheesecakes
 Prepare crust and pumpkin mixtures as above.

Crust: Place 12 cupcake liners into muffin tin. Distribute crumb mixture evenly among the 12 liners. Press mixture firmly onto bottom of each cupcake liner. Bake at 325 F for 10 minutes. Let cool.

Pumpkin mixture: Spoon batter into cupcake liners and refrigerate until firm.

Decorating suggestions: Make "tombstones" with chocolate cookies, pipe on names or "R.I.P." and press vertically into cheesecakes. Crumble chocolate wafers to make "dirt" on cake tops. Make creepy crawlies, bats or worms with black cake-decorating gel and gummy worms.

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 Serves: 6-8.

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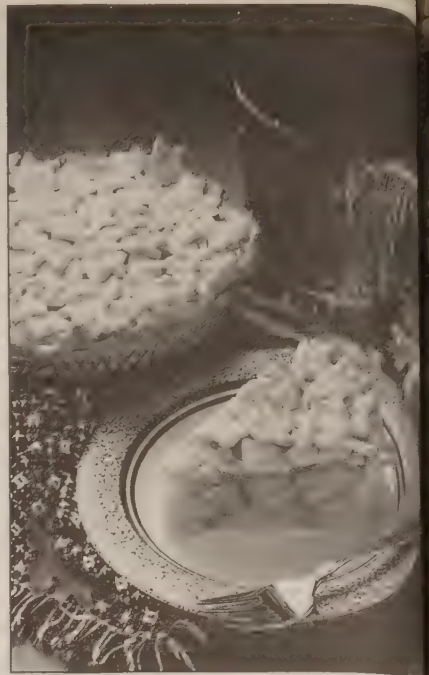
Double crust for a 9-inch pie (homemade or purchased)
 Preheat oven to 425°. Line pie pan with one pie crust. Pour cherry filling evenly over crust. (For 8-inch crust, use 1 can fruit filling.) Using remaining pie crust, cut with your favorite small cookie cutter. Decorate pie edge with pastry cutouts. Brush decorations with egg wash*. Bake for 40-45 minutes or until crust is golden brown.

*If you prefer, bake cut-outs separately and arrange before serving.
 Serves: 6-8.

PUMPKIN PECAN PIE

3 eggs
 1 can (16 oz.) Comstock or Wilderness Pure Pumpkin Filling
 2/3 cup sugar
 2/3 cup packed brown sugar
 1 teaspoon cinnamon
 1 teaspoon nutmeg
 ¼ teaspoon cloves
 1 cup chopped pecans
 1 crust for a 9-inch pie (homemade or purchased)

Beat together eggs, pumpkin,



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sugars and spices. Stir in pecans. Pour into pastry lined pie pan. Bake in preheated 350° oven for 1 hour, or until knife inserted in filling comes out clean. Cool with whipped topping halves. Refrigerate leftovers. Serves: 6-8

Old-fashioned cookbooks still pack a punch

By Russ Parsons
 Los Angeles Times

Despite all the high-concept cookbooks that come out every year, it's a pretty safe bet that more American home cooking is informed by what used to be called "women's magazines" than by any high-falutin' chefs. Of the 20 best-selling cookbooks of all time, 10 were published by Better Homes and Gardens.

And though they may no longer be the cultural force they used to be, these books are still around. In fact, the "Better Homes and

Gardens New Cook Book" (Meredith Books, \$25.95) is in the same red-plaid three-binder cover that has been used for decades.

First published in the 1930s, the book has been updated to include modern trends (there's a recipe for focaccia). But the jacket isn't the only thing familiar: There's a section on all-time favorites, such as potato rolls, cinnamon crisps and potatoes Floradora.

At the same time, Good Housekeeping is stepping up its cookbook program with a half-dozen new books this year.

While its "Illustrated Cookbook" and "Step-By-Step Cookbook" are popular, for the time the magazine has tackled the home kitchen crafts. But "Good Housekeeping" (Hearst Books, \$30) is more sophisticated than you might expect. No mere cookies and old-fashioned cakes (though, of course, these are represented), this is a good baking primer.

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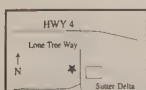
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4 cups frozen broccoli cuts

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Cover and microwave on HIGH 8 minutes or until broccoli is tender-crisp, stirring once during heating.

Prep/Cook time: 10 minutes.
Serves: 4.

CAMPBELL'S CHEESY FRIES

1 bag (32 oz.) frozen French fried potatoes

1 can (10-3/4 oz.) Campbell's Condensed Cheddar Cheese Soup

On baking sheet bake potatoes according to package directions. Push potatoes into pile in center of baking sheet. Stir soup in can and spoon over potatoes. Bake 3 minutes more or until soup is hot.

Prep/Cook time: 20 minutes.
Serves: 6.



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This year, simplify your life with these easy and deliciously zingy recipes from ReaLemon. For dinner, treat your gang to the sassy Mexican Pork Chops with Couscous.

For brunch, heat things up with peppery Zippy Tomato Sipper. Each of these recipes has a delightful fresh lemon taste which will keep everyone coming back for more. And since each of these recipes can be prepared in 15 minutes or less, you'll be able to enjoy more time with family and friends.

MEXICAN PORK CHOPS WITH COUSCOUS

4 pork loin rib chops, cut 3/4 inch thick

Salt and pepper
2 tablespoons cooking oil
1 (8 oz.) can tomato sauce
1 cup salsa

1 cup frozen whole kernel corn
1/4 cup ReaLemon Lemon or Real Lime Juice from Concentrate
1 tablespoon cold water
1 teaspoon cornstarch
2 cups hot cooked couscous
Green pepper strips and cilantro sprigs, optional

Trim fat from chops. Lightly sprinkle both sides with salt and pepper. Cook chops in hot oil in large skillet over medium-high heat

4 minutes or until brown, turning once. Drain fat. Add tomato sauce, salsa, corn and ReaLemon. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer 6-8 minutes or until chops are no longer pink and juices run clear. Remove chops; keep warm. For sauce, combine water and cornstarch in small bowl; stir into tomato

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1/4 teaspoon garlic powder

1 tablespoon sugar
1/4-1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
1 tablespoon prepared mustard
1 pound thinly sliced pork

let, scraping up crusty browned bits. Cook and stir until boiling; cook and stir 2 minutes longer. Serve over turkey and sprinkle with parsley.

Prep time: 15 minutes. Cook time: 6-8 minutes. Serves: 6

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3 cups vegetable juice, chilled
1/4 cup RealLemon Lemon Juice from Concentrate

1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
1/4 teaspoon bottled hot pepper sauce

1/2 teaspoon celery salt
Ice cubes

Combine vegetable juice, RealLemon, Worcestershire sauce, pepper sauce and celery salt in pitcher. Serve over ice cubes.

Prep time: 5 minutes. Serves: 4.

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MEDITERRANEAN SALMON SANDWICH LOAF

3 tablespoons prepared Italian, Creamy Italian or Vinaigrette salad dressing

1/2 small onion, coarsely chopped

1 medium bell pepper, seeded and coarsely chopped

1 (2 oz.) jar pimento-stuffed green olives, drained

1 (4 oz.) can sliced ripe olives, drained

2 garlic cloves, chopped

1 teaspoon dried basil leaves

1 teaspoon dried oregano leaves

1 can (14-1/4 oz.) or 2 cans (7-1/2 oz. each) Alaska

1 tablespoon oil
1 package (16 oz.) Birds Eye Farm Fresh Broccoli, Carrots and Water Chestnuts
2 tablespoons water
Hot cooked rice

In small bowl, whisk together broth, garlic powder, sugar, ginger and mustard; set aside.

Add vegetables and water; cover and cook 10 minutes over medium heat until vegetables are tender.

Uncover, add sauce and cook until thickened over hot cooked rice.

Serves: 4.

Chicken vegetable casserole

1 package (8 oz.) spaghetti, cooked and drained

2 cups diced cooked chicken

1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese

1 can (10-3/4 oz.) cream of mushroom soup

1 teaspoon lemon pepper

2 boxes (20 oz. each) Birds Eye Asparagus, cooked and drained

Additional grated Parmesan cheese

In large mixing bowl, combine spaghetti, chicken, soup and lemon pepper. Spread evenly in bottom of a greased 9x13-inch pan.

Arrange asparagus spears over spaghetti. Bake in 350° oven for 15-20 minutes or until heated through. Sprinkle with additional cheese and bake 5 minutes longer.

Serves: 6-8.

Salmon, drained and flaked

1 (12-inch or 1-1/2 lb.) loaf Italian or herbed bread, cut into 1/2-inch slices

4 oz. light cream cheese, softened

1-1/2 cups fresh spinach or lettuce leaves, washed and dried

1 large tomato, sliced

In a food processor or blender, combine onion, onion, bell pepper, olives, garlic, basil, oregano. Pulse or blend ingredients just until finely chopped; stir in salmon. Cut bread loaf lengthwise down center.

Remove bread from inside of halves, leaving 1/2-inch border. Spread half of cream cheese in each cut bread half. Spoon and spread dressing over cream cheese. Layer spinach leaves and tomatoes over salmon. Close and press sandwich halves together.

Wrap tightly in plastic wrap and refrigerate until serving time.

Serves: 6-8

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mixture. Cook and stir until thickened and bubbly. Cook and stir 2 minutes longer. Spoon sauce over pork chops and couscous. Garnish with green pepper strips and fresh cilantro sprigs if desired.

Prep time: 15 minutes. Serves: 4.

TURKEY PICCATA

1-1/2 pounds turkey breast slices (cutlets), cut 1/2 inch thick

Salt and pepper

2 tablespoons margarine or butter

3 cups sliced fresh mushrooms (8 oz.)

1/4 cup RealLemon Lemon Juice from Concentrate

3 tablespoons water

2 tablespoons chopped fresh basil or 2 teaspoons dried basil, crushed

1 tablespoon cornstarch

1/2 teaspoon instant chicken bouillon granules

2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley

Rinse turkey; pat dry. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Cook turkey in hot margarine in 12-inch skillet over medium-high heat 2-4 minutes or until no longer pink, turning once. Remove; cover and keep warm.

For sauce, add mushrooms to skillet. Cook and stir over medium heat 1 minute. Combine RealLemon, water, basil, cornstarch and bouillon granules. Add to skillet, scraping up crusty browned bits.

Cook and stir until boiling; cook and stir 2 minutes longer. Serve over turkey and sprinkle with parsley.

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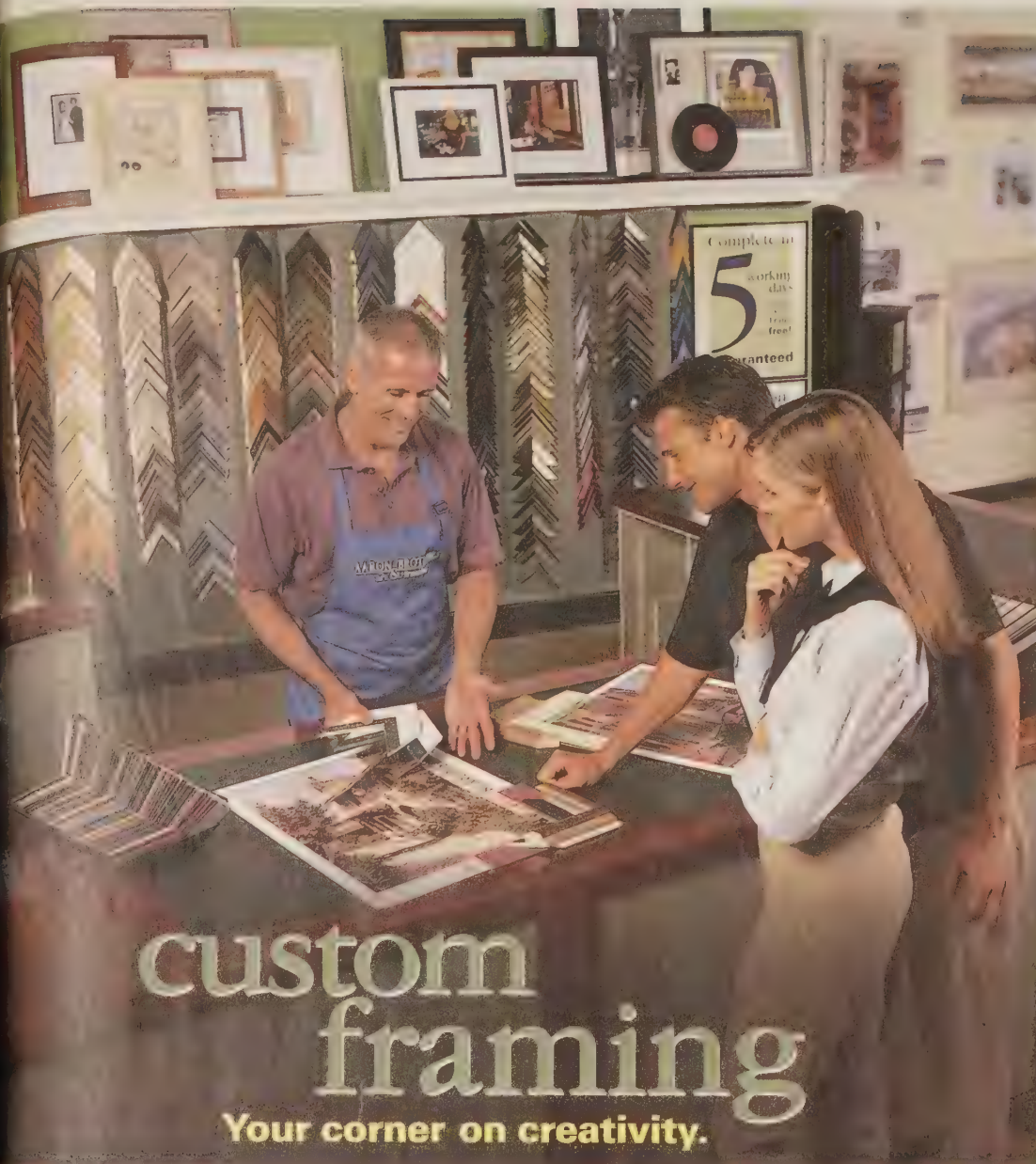
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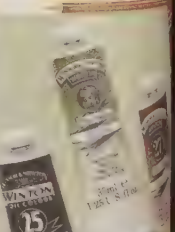
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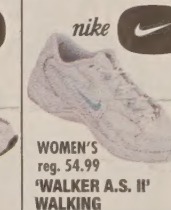
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Fried Rice (L)
Chow Mein (L)

Steam Table Choices

Ginger Chicken
Kung Pao Chicken
Vegetable Chicken
Mushroom Chicken
House Pork
Hot Braised Chicken Wings
Szechuan Chicken
Vegetables Deluxe
Broccoli Beef
Sweet & Sour Pork
Spareribs w/Black Bean Sauce
Green Beans with Chicken
Chicken w/Black Bean Sauce
Spicy Garlic Wings
Eggplant Tofu
Honey Sesame Chicken
Black Pepper Spareribs
Choices Change Daily
Everyday from 11am-8pm

FREE Soup

Your Choice:

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*Use For A La Carte Menu

FREE Prawns (5)

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Chef's

CHINESE FOOD

(A-La Carte Menu)

🔥 = Spicy!

Appetizers

1. Spring Roll (3).....2.75
2. House Fried Wonton (8).....2.95
3. Fried Chicken Wings (8).....3.25
4. Homemade Pot Stickers (6).....3.75
5. Fried Prawns (9).....3.95
6. Fried Calamari.....4.95
7. Chinese Shredded Chicken Salad.....4.95
8. Sesame Shown Rolls (8).....5.95
9. Assorted Appetizer Plate.....5.95

Soup

1. Wonton or Noodle Soup.....3.75
2. Egg Flower Soup.....3.75
3. Vegetable Soup.....3.75
4. Hot and Sour Soup.....3.75
5. West Lake Beef Soup.....3.95
6. Chicken Corn Soup.....3.95
7. Seaweed Tofu Soup.....3.95
8. Sizzling Rice Soup.....4.25
9. Wor Wonton Soup.....4.95
10. Seafood Tofu Soup.....5.95

Seafood

1. Sizzling Wok-Bar.....7.95
2. Honey Walnut Prawns.....7.95
3. Prawns with Garlic & Onion.....7.95
4. Sauteed Combination Seafood.....7.95
5. Prawns with Mixed Vegetable.....6.95
6. Cashew or Almond Prawns.....6.95
7. Prawns with Lobster Sauce.....6.95
8. Broccoli Prawns.....6.95
9. Sweet & Sour Prawns.....6.95
10. Szechwan Fried Prawns.....6.95
11. Prawns A La Szechwan.....7.95
12. Curry prawns.....6.95
13. Black Bean Fish or Prawns.....6.95
14. Snow Peas with Prawns or Fish Fillet.....7.50
15. Sauteed Scallops or Prawns.....8.50
16. Kung Pao Prawns or Fish Fillet.....6.95
17. Spicy Dry Fried Calamari.....6.95

Poultry

1. Hot & Spicy Chicken (with Bone).....6.95
2. Chicken with Mixed Vegetable.....5.95
3. Cashew or Almond Chicken.....5.95
4. Garlic Chicken.....5.95
5. Kung Pao Chicken.....5.95
6. General's Tso Chicken.....5.95
7. Lemon Chicken.....5.95
8. Garlic Spicy Wings.....5.95
9. Sweet & Sour Chicken.....5.95
10. Curry Chicken.....5.95
11. Tofu Chicken.....5.95
12. Mushroom Chicken.....6.25
13. Szechwan Chicken Wings.....5.95
14. Honey Sesame Chicken.....6.50
15. House BBQ Chicken.....6.50

Beef

1. Double Mushrooms & Beef.....6.50
2. Oyster Sauce Beef.....6.50
3. Broccoli Beef (or Chicken).....5.95
4. Mixed Vegetable Beef.....5.95
5. Beef with Black Bean Sauce.....5.95
6. Beef with Ginger & Scallions.....6.50
7. Mongolian Beef.....6.50
8. Sesame Szechwan Beef.....5.95
9. Curry Beef.....5.95
10. Hunan Beef.....5.95

Vegetables

1. Vegetable Tofu.....4.75
2. Mixed Fresh Vegetable.....4.75
3. Braised Bean Tofu.....4.95
4. Eggplant Tofu (Szechwan Style).....4.75
5. Broccoli with Oyster Sauce.....4.75
6. Dry Fried String Beans.....4.75
7. Garlic Tender Greens.....4.95
8. Gourmet Vegetable.....5.50
9. Triple Vegetable.....5.50

Clay Pot

1. Beef in Chinese BBQ Sauce with Vermicelli... 6.25
2. Eggplant Salted Fish & Chicken Clay Pot. 6.25
3. Chef's Combination Clay Pot.....6.95
4. Prawns Tofu in Clay Pot.....6.95
5. Clay Pot Ma Po Tofu.....5.95

Sizzling Platter

1. Iron Platter Combination Meat.....
2. Sizzling Chili Black Bean Chicken.....
3. Sizzling Beef with Black Pepper.....
4. Sizzling Hot and Spicy Prawns.....

Egg Foo Young

A mixture of Celery, Onion, Bean Sprouts, Deep Fried until golden brown then topped with mushroom, fresh green onion in our special Choice of:
Pork, Chicken, Beef or Vegetable
Shrimp.....

Pork

1. Sweet & Sour Pork.....
2. Twice Cooked Pork.....
3. Spareribs with Garlic & Onion.....
4. Peking Spareribs.....
5. Snow Peas with BBQ Pork.....
6. House Pork.....
7. Family Style Bean Cake.....
8. Chef's Special Garlic Spareribs.....
9. Spareribs with Black Bean Sauce.....
10. Sauteed Pork with Spicy Bean Sauce.....

Rice & Noodles

1. Fried Rice.....
2. Shrimp Fried Rice.....
3. Yang Chow Fried Rice.....
4. House Combination Fried Rice.....
5. Chicken with Salted Fish Fried Rice.....
6. Jumbo Prawns Fried Rice.....
7. Steam Rice (per person).....
8. Chow Mein or Chow Fun.....
9. Shrimp Chow Mein or Chow Fun.....
10. House Combination Chow Chow Mein or Fun.....
11. Seafood Combination Chow Mein or Fun.....
12. Tomato Beef Chow Mein.....
13. Beef Chow Fun in Black Bean Sauce.....
14. Singapore Style Rice Noodle.....
15. BBQ Pork Rice Noodle.....
16. Mustard Green Pork Noodle Soup.....

Ma Shu

A combination of Shredded Cabbage, Willow, Bamboo Shoots, Celery, Carrots, Onion and Fun, Sauteed in Our House Soy Sauce, Sesame Oil and Hoison Sauce (25¢ Additional) Pancake (25¢)
Vegetable.....
Pork, Chicken or Beef.....
Prawns.....

Competitive Blue Shield Access+ HMOSM Rates

Age Range	Monthly Dues	
	High Option	Value Option
Youth Care		
Under 1	\$153	\$122
1 to 18	79	63
Single		
19 to 29	\$120	\$95
30 to 39	159	127
40 to 49	199	159
50 to 59	258	207
60 to 64	344	275
Party of Two		
Under 30	\$235	\$186
30 to 39	307	245
40 to 49	385	307
50 to 59	497	397
60 to 64	662	529
Family		
Under 30	\$319	\$253
30 to 39	424	338
40 to 49	521	415
50 to 59	583	466
60 to 64	729	582

Competitive Blue Shield Copay and Deductible

Age Range	Monthly Dues		
	Copay Plans	Deductible	Out of Pocket
Youth Care			
Under 1	\$133	\$115	\$92
1 to 18	62	52	43
Single			
19 to 29	\$107	\$78	\$63
30 to 39	146	114	92
40 to 49	202	174	140
50 to 59	271	232	188
60 to 64	353	303	244
Party of Two			
Under 30	\$214	\$156	\$126
30 to 39	292	228	184
40 to 49	374	322	259
50 to 59	488	420	339
60 to 64	635	545	439
Family			
Under 30	\$305	\$234	\$189
30 to 39	404	322	260
40 to 49	526	452	365
50 to 59	625	536	433
60 to 64	718	616	497

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